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Pornographic images of children on social worker's computer

A LOCAL authority social worker who dealt with children who had behavioural problems has been jailed for two years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Liam Brown (38) of Charles Street, Bridgend, admitted nine charges involving distributing indecent images of children, possessing extreme pornographic images,

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

possessing prohibited images and also possessing amphetamine.

Judge Eleri Rees said: "His behaviour was at odds with his occupation."

Prosecutor Gareth James said police went to Brown's home in February and examined his iPad, laptop and

other electronic items.

When they were examined, they were found to contain pornography involving children aged from three to 14.

Many were of moving images.

Brown was interviewed by the police and said: "No comment" when questioned.

Altogether, said Mr James, 1,442 images ranging from the most serious to the least serious were found and it was discovered that Brown had distributed 3,182 images.

His counsel, Andrew Davies, pointed out that Brown had no relevant previous convictions and was full of remorse.

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Local museum benefits from Archaeology Trust donation



Museum chairman, Paul Joseph, receives a cheque from the Kenfig Archaeology Trust.

THE museum recently benefited from a generous donation of £1,000 from the Kenfig Archaeology Trust.

The trust was set up five years ago when a group of like-minded people came together following a successful archaeological dig in Kenfig.

The group have decided to hang up their trowels but will still continue meeting on a regular basis discussing their passion for all things archaeological.

Following the rules of their constitution, the trust fund was wound up and a charity chosen to receive the remaining balance. It was felt that Porthcawl Museum was a worthy cause to support.

A group of the members and trustees visited the museum and presented the cheque to Paul Joseph, the museum's chairman. They were then given a tour of the museum by Paul and other museum volunteers.

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Roger Hudd is awarded the BEM

ROGER HUDD, a long time resident of Porthcawl, has been awarded the BEM for 'services to Charity and the Arts'.

Over a period of more than 20 years, Roger, as founder and musical director of The Mid Glamorgan Savoyards, has raised over £65,000 for charity.

Now 84, Roger was

born in Bristol and educated at Cotham Grammar School. His interest in music started early with piano lessons followed by violin. He remembers well when his love of Gilbert and Sullivan began: "When I was 12 years old, I played in the orchestra for a school production of *Trial by Jury*. I was amazed at how much I enjoyed it."

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Roger Hudd

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COSMOLOGY CORNER

July is a busy month!

JULY is quite a busy month for planet watchers. First of all, on July 12, Mercury is at its greatest eastern elongation of 26.40 from the Sun.

This is the best time to view Mercury as it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Choose a low horizon and look out for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

On July 27, there are two notable events. Firstly, as I mentioned in my last column, towards the end of July, Mars reaches its closest approach to Earth since 2003 when it was closer than it had been for some 60,000 years.

On July 27, Mars will be in opposition, ie when the Earth, Mars and the Sun lie nearly in a straight line with Earth in the centre.

Just four days later, on July 31, Mars will be at its closest approach to Earth. Because Mars is directly opposite the sun during opposition, Mars rises as the sun sets so look out for the brilliant red dot shining in the

southern night sky.

Also on July 27, there will be a Total Lunar Eclipse when the Sun, Earth and the Moon are in a direct line with the Earth in the centre.

As the Moon passes through the Earth's dark shadow (umbra) it will gradually darken and take on a rusty or blood red colour (known as a Blood Moon).

Moonrise in Cardiff will be at 9.02pm in the south-east by which time the eclipse will have already started.

The Moon will get to the centre of the Earth's shadow for maximum eclipse at 9.33pm and the eclipse will end at 10.25pm.

The colour of the moon during totality will depend on the amount of dust in our atmosphere. Dust blocks out the higher frequency blue light waves, but allows the longer wavelength red light to come through.

The eclipsed moon will take on a coppery hue from the same effect which causes sunsets to appear reddish.

An eclipse happens when a planet or a moon gets in the way of the

sun's light. Here on Earth, we can experience two kinds of eclipses: solar eclipses and lunar eclipses.

As we saw from the above, a lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth comes between the Sun and the Moon and the Moon is blocked from the Sun's light by the Earth's shadow.

Much more dramatic, however, is a solar eclipse when it is the turn of the Moon to come between the Sun and the Earth.

The Moon casts its shadow on the Earth, and it gets dark in the middle of the day! But have you stopped to wonder how it is that during a solar eclipse, the Moon only just covers the sun so that the Sun's corona remains visible as a ring of fire around the circumference?

Well, it's just pure luck! By an amazing coincidence the diameter of the Sun (864,000 miles) happens to be just about 400 times larger than that of the Moon (2,200 miles); and the distance from Earth to the Sun (93 million miles) is almost exactly 400 times greater than the distance from the Earth to the Moon (230,000 miles).

That's why, from Earth, the Moon appears almost identical in size to the Sun, and we become awed as day turns into night during a solar eclipse.

NORMAN LLOYD

Opticians raise £120 for Cerebra

THE Specsavers Bridgend team donned brightly-coloured wigs and headwear to raise awareness and more than £120 for Cerebra, a charity that supports children with brain conditions and their families.

The event is part of a year-long fundraising partnership between the store and the charity.

Sandra bades farewell to the Rotary presidency

AT the Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawl, on June 18 the outgoing president Sandra Townsend handed over the Rotary chain of office to the new president, Denzil Gould.

Rotary in Porthcawl is pleased to welcome Denzil as its new president. He is not new to the role as he previously served as a president of Wallingford Rotary Club.

The evening started with a welcoming address by outgoing president Sandra to the members and guests. Sandra then carried out the induction of a new member Alison Thomas to the club.

Sandra then gave her outgoing speech and thanked all members who supported her as president during her term of office and asked the latest member, Robert Lee, to read out the 'The object of Rotary'. The club gave a very big thank you to Sandra for her year in office.



Sandra then carried out the handover ceremony. President Denzil gave his welcoming address to the members and guests and presented flowers to Sandra and thanked her for all the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm during her term as president.

Denzil also presented flowers to the new Inner Wheel president Carol Lowery and then proceeded to welcome the president-elect Hugh Moat.

Throughout the year Porthcawl Rotary raises

funds for various charities by organising such events as the Rotary Post, the Christmas Tree Festival and the Christmas Carol-Cade. Rotary also organises and supports events such as Know Your Blood Pressure day.

Rotary prides itself on its motto 'Service above Self' and Rotarians are only too aware that their hard work for local and international charities can only come to fruition through the support they receive from the general public, so members would like to thank the public for their support and generosity.

ROBERT LEE

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers for publication from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What does HB stand for in pencil grading?
2. In which film musical did John Travolta and Christopher Walken play a married couple?
3. Which King was the first to appear on a British Christmas stamp?

If anyone is interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com for details.

Answers:
1. Hard Black.
2. Hairspray.
3. Good King Wenceslas.

AM unhappy with market decision

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has accused Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) of "closing the stable door after the horse has bolted" after hearing that rents are now to be reduced at the town's indoor market - after almost half the businesses in there have either gone under or quit.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative, visited Bridgend's indoor market to meet traders last August when they warned her about high rent levels driving tenants out.

She said: "I was told in no uncertain terms then that tenants were giving up stalls in the market because they could not afford the high rents being charged - among the highest in Wales."

"At that point 11 out of the 29 stalls were empty but I gather that the situation has markedly deteriorated since then with almost half of the stalls now standing vacant."

"I called on the council then to take action but it is almost a year later before we are finally seeing some response to the worsening financial situation not just for remaining traders, but also the council itself which now stands to lose £200K on the market this year."

"I am glad that the council intends to reduce rents by 25 per cent with new tenants getting a 50 per cent cut in order to kick-start their businesses."

"While this is welcome, it's like

shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted because so many businesses have been driven out. We must hope that it's not too little too late because the market is the heart of the town."

"Traders have been begging for action for years and until now, their pleas seem to have fallen on deaf ears. I am pleased that the market is to be promoted and other uses permitted to draw people in. But it has taken the fact that the market is set to lose £200K this year to prompt this action."

"The council is also granting more flexible leases to recognise the reality of the situation - an overdue move because the management of the market has been overly bureaucratic and restrictive in the past."

"The hard facts are that BCBC is locked into a lease on the market hall with the owners of the Rhiw Centre for another 53 years with no break clauses. The council pays annual rental of £226,000 at the moment - a level set at the last rent review in 2007, before the credit crunch and recession. The council needs to get the market into a break-even position otherwise taxpayers will be picking up the bill every year."

"I don't buy any claim from BCBC that there's no demand for the stalls. When traders took matters into their own hands and told the council that they would find stall holders over the Wartime Bridgend weekend, the place was full of people buying and selling. Where there's a will, there's a way but I just don't think BCBC's got the will."

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 5)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	07.28	9.2	19.47	9.3
29 Fri	08.07	9.3	20.23	9.2
30 Sat	08.41	9.2	20.58	9.2
01 Sun	09.13	9.1	21.32	9.1
02 Mon	09.48	9.0	22.07	8.9
03 Tues	10.22	8.8	22.41	8.7
04 Wed	10.58	8.5	23.21	8.4
05 Thur	11.40	8.3	23.59	8.2

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Why not join the Bridgend U3A?

BRIDGEND has a very successful U3A which has a good number of groups of different interests.

The U3A is a national organisation which has groups all over the UK. In the name 'University of the Third Age', the word 'university' is not in any way formal or involved in learning to pass exams or gain qualifications.

The U3A is for retired and semi-retired people who come together to be involved in social, educational and creative subjects in a friendly and informal environment.

Being involved in local groups is excellent for members who want to work together, enjoying company and being involved in subjects that are mentally stimulating and social. The groups are organised and programmed by the

members themselves.

The Bridgend U3A has a good number of groups including: Discussions and Conversations, Exploring Music, History, Reading, Enjoying Words, Table-top Games, Crafts, Crosswords, Gardening, Walking, Table-Tennis, Play Reading, Poetry and a newly-formed Technology Group.

Meetings are held in Coity at Gilead Chapel Hall, Coity Community Centre and the Brackla Community Hall.

Once a month, a meeting is held for all Bridgend U3A members to attend together when speakers and subjects of interest are arranged.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with Bridgend U3A can visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/bridgend> for further information.

BRIAN SEWELL

MP wants stronger signal

CHRIS Elmore wants to see stronger mobile phone coverage provided in the south Wales valleys.

The Ogmore MP urged Digital Minister Margot James in the Commons not to forget the valleys when she looks at the strength of mobile phone signals in rural communities.

He said: "May I urge the minister, when she is looking at mobile phone signals for rural communities, not to forget the south Wales valleys?"

"The three-and-a-half valleys that I represent, the Ogmore, Garw, Llynfi and Gilfach Valleys, have massive problems with mobile phones signals, so please can she make sure she does not forget them?"

Ms James said the valleys in south Wales, like the great rural areas of Scotland, present challenges, but challenges that will be overcome.

She told Mr Elmore: "I can assure the hon. Gentleman that they are an absolute priority."

MICHAEL PROSSER

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Police seize large quantity of Class-A drugs in Bridgend

OFFICERS in North Cornelly have made one of the biggest seizures of Class-A drugs in the area during the latest clampdown on the illegal drug trade.

Search warrants were executed at four addresses in the North Cornelly area of Bridgend on Thursday, June 21.

Officers seized around 10 kilos of controlled drugs believed to be class A drugs, a significant amount of cash, five

vehicles and drug paraphernalia.

A 50-year-old man and a 57-year-old man, both from Bridgend, have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

They are currently in custody.

Local Policing Inspector Mark Simmonds said: "Local officers, the Territorial Support Team along with the dogs section worked together to search four properties in the area yesterday.

"As a result of our actions, two people have been arrested and

our enquiries are continuing which will include testing the substances which have been seized.

"We believe this to be one of the biggest seizures of class A drugs in this area in recent times. This action shows we will act upon any information given to us by the public or our partner organisations.

"We will continue to work with our communities and partners to reduce the impact of drug related activity in our communities.

"The neighbourhood policing teams are out and about talking to our communities daily so if you have suspicions regarding criminal behaviour, please report it to us so we can investigate. Policing is all about working with the communities and with your help we can continue to tackle drug dealers who target the most vulnerable people and cause misery for our towns."

Anyone concerned about illegal drug activity in their area should report their concerns via 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.



Drugs and paraphernalia were seized in the raid.

Kenfig Hill 'suffers a number of break-ins'

RESIDENTS are being urged to secure their homes, garages and sheds after a number of break-ins in the Kenfig Hill area.

Officers are investigating a number of dwelling burglaries which took place overnight on Thursday, June 21 into Friday, June 22.

Detective Sergeant Jo Williams-Smith said: "Due to the recent nice weather, residents are reminded to check doors and windows are locked when going to bed.

"Unfortunately, many thieves are opportunists and will take advantage of an insecure home especially if doors are left open or unlocked.

"If anyone sees anything suspicious in the area call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency."

£90k for Porthcawl's 'year of the sea' project

SEA-themed street theatre performances will be taking place in Porthcawl over the summer as part of a new project to bring visitors to the town.

The Porthcawl Seascapes Project will see a range of activities from, it is claimed, "quirky experiences" to "eye-catching events" celebrating the town's relationship with the sea.

Plans include a seascape story board, watersports-themed events, funfairs, beauty pageants and golf.

The Awen Cultural Trust will be organising 'street theatre

performances' at key dates in the Porthcawl events calendar including the annual summer carnival, Porthcawl Town Council's summer festival and the Elvis Festival.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is working with the Awen Cultural Trust and Ceredu Charity to deliver the £90,000 project.

It is being funded by a £78,000 grant from the Visit Wales Regional Tourism Engagement Fund with the remaining £12,000 coming from Bridgend Council.

On Tuesday June 19, cabinet members at BCBC approved the scheme.

'Volunteer litter picker-plan' for Porthcawl?

A COUNCIL officer in charge of keeping streets clean in Porthcawl is asking people to become more 'reactive' when it comes to picking up litter, rather than just posting pictures of it on social media.

John Rees, an operations manager at Bridgend County Borough Council, wants the town to 'come together' and run a litter campaign with schools, volunteers and businesses all taking part.

Presenting the project - which has a provisional name of 'Love it, don't trash it' - at a Porthcawl Town Council meeting, he said that due to increasing cuts on services he was having to look at different ways to keep streets clean.

He said: "The idea is for people to become more involved in the town they live in.

"Schools are the building blocks to this and we would like to see them become involved through various projects based on the environment which can then feedback to parents.

"There's a tremendous amount of work already happening in the voluntary sector and we'd like to see individuals becoming 'litter champions' for the streets.

"We also want businesses to become more environmentally friendly with a reduction of plastics and cardboard used in fish and chip shops."

Mr Rees said the plan was for the project to be rolled out to Bridgend, Pencoeed and Maesteg.

He added: "Bridgend Council and my team get criticised an awful lot, we often have photos presented to us of bins spilling over but people never take a photo later when they've been emptied or when there's a bin just up the road which is empty but people choose to chuck all their bags in one spot.

"Let's use social media posts to reflect a positive image of the town."

Councillors at the meeting on June 14 supported the scheme and now plan to meet with traders in the town to 'gain further support'.



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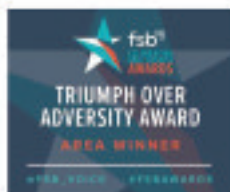
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To pay, or not to pay... BCBC plans raise questions over Porthcawl loos

TWO public toilets run by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) are likely to become pay-as-you-use facilities within the next year, while three more will need to close unless they are taken on by town councils.

BCBC cabinet members recently agreed the next steps for the conveniences after warning that changes need to be made to the way that they are run due to severely reduced budgets.

A BCBC spokesman said: "To help inform their decisions, the council held an eight-week public consultation earlier this year to find out which toilets are relied upon the most."

"The Bridgend Bus

Station toilets emerged as the most popular facilities, with 89 per cent of the 1,137 survey respondents saying that they use them, and 60 per cent relying on them on a weekly basis."

As a result, cabinet members have agreed that the bus station toilets should remain open, but will be converted to pay-as-you-use facilities to become more self-sufficient.

Fifty four per cent of survey respondents indicated that they would be prepared to pay to use public toilets.

It is also likely that the public toilets being built as part of the new water sports centre in Rest Bay, Porthcawl will be designed as pay-as-you-use facilities.

The public consultation found that the most relied upon toilets in Porthcawl are

those in John Street, which are used by 77 per cent of survey respondents.

The spokesman continued: "The preferred option for the future of these toilets is for them to be taken on by Porthcawl Town Council via a Community Asset Transfer. Discussions are already ongoing with the town council over the Griffin Park toilets, and if agreements can't be found then both toilets will close."

"Similar discussions are also planned with Maesteg Town Council about them taking on the upkeep and maintenance of the toilets near Maesteg Bus Station."

"There are long-term plans for new toilets to be part of the revamped Maesteg Town Hall, but in the meantime Maesteg Town Council will be

approached to see if they are willing to take on the toilets until then. If they do not wish to do so, the toilets will close."

"The toilets at Cheapside in Bridgend are the most likely of all to close. Given their close proximity to pristine facilities at ASDA, cabinet members have recommended them for closure, although discussions will be held first with the owners of the adjoining shopping precinct to see whether they would be interested in incorporating public toilets into any future redevelopment."

Cllr Richard Young, Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Due to the financial situation we simply cannot continue to run public toilets in the way that we do now. Before making any decisions we wanted to gather public opinion

and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the public consultation."

"This has been an extremely difficult process as we recognise that people consider public toilet facilities to be an important service."

"We are making every effort to try to find alternative methods and solutions of providing them, and have appealed to town and community councils, local groups, private businesses and more to work alongside us."

"I'm pleased to see that some, like Pencoed Town Council, have already embraced this as a way of making fresh investments into our local communities, and I have high hopes that ongoing talks with other partners will also deliver similar results."

The council also operates a comfort scheme which makes small grants of up to £500 per year available to local town centre businesses that are willing to open up their toilets to non-paying customers. As part of the agreed way forward, cabinet members also approved that the scheme should be promoted further and local businesses encouraged to make their facilities available to the public to help mitigate the loss of any public conveniences that may have to close."

So much to see at the Bridgend County Show

THE 72nd Bridgend County Show will take place on July 13-15 at Pencoed College campus with free admittance and free parking for all.

The show's chairman, Ian Case, said: "I am proud to chair such a dedicated committee and body of volunteers who continue to dedicate their time and skills freely to the show."

"Each year, new elements are introduced and this year is no exception. I'd also like to thank all our sponsors, and our exhibitors. We always have something for everyone."

Launched in 1946 initially to raise funds as a 'Welcome Home Fund' for returning servicemen and women, aiming to encourage those back to the land as a means of employment, the show boasts a full equestrian programme, poultry, goat, and dog sections, funfair and well stocked car lots.

The introduction of the Kitchen Garden, Allotment, and Horticultural section was hailed as a

tremendous success, and the section will expand further this year with a show garden entitled 'The Awen Inspiration Garden' where the services of libraries, community centres, theatres, Bryngarw Park, Wood B and Bleaf will be represented with planting and materials supplied by Pyle Garden Centre. A different project will be presented each day to include storytelling, wildlife and flowers.

The main ring is host to a wide variety of events including falconry demonstrations and The Welsh Axemens.

The show's CEO, Barry King, whose family have been involved with the show for almost 30 years added: "Since making the show free for all to attend, our visitor numbers have grown, making us one of the largest events in the area."

"In 2015, we estimated visitor numbers at 30,000 over the weekend, rising to 60,000 in 2017. Come rain or shine, we continue to draw a crowd. As a three-day event, we have plenty to offer and entertain

families for the weekend."

While self-funded, the show relies on sponsorship and volunteers each year. The show's motto 'Where there is something for everyone' is as relevant now as it was in 1946.

The show weekend launches with a free business breakfast attracting show exhibitors, business owners and professionals, offering each a chance to connect and meet up before the show begins.

The 2018 speaker has been confirmed as Dilys Price OBE. Dilys is the current World Record holder as the world's oldest skydiving female, a respected charity founder, multiple lifetime achievement award winner, Pride of Britain Award winner, lecturer and Honorary Fellow, recognised for her work in the Arts, care, diversity, special needs and education.

For details and to book this event, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridgend-county-show-annual-business-breakfast-tickets-41060374686?aff=ec2.

Children In Need helps support local groups

BBC Children in Need has awarded over £59,600 in new funding to two local groups working with disadvantaged children and young people across Bridgend.

This latest boost, from the charity's small grants programme, is the second round of

funding awarded to projects so far in 2018 and brings the total invested in Bridgend to more than £595,500.

Special Families Maesteg will use £29,628 in new funding to deliver a programme of sports and recreational activities for local disabled children and young people.

The three-year

project will provide a variety of inclusive youth clubs which will enable the children and young people access to age appropriate activities including: active play, creative arts, soft play and trips to the cinema and the local swimming pool.

Through attending the project, children and young people will make more friends, grow in self-esteem, and improve their physical and mental well-being.

Mrs Claire Edmunds, chairperson at Special Families Maesteg, commented: "BBC Children in Need has been funding us since 2015 and we are pleased to have secured yet more funding to continue our sport and recreational activities for disabled children and young people in Bridgend."

"Our project will give children and young people the opportunity to interact in an inclusive and accepting environment with their peers with the aim of growing their confidence, well-being and self-esteem."

In addition, Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme is celebrating a new grant of over £29,900 to provide a youth club for the siblings of disabled children and young people.

Through attending the three year project the children and young people will better understand their emotions, be able to form stronger relationships with others, and improve their self-esteem.

Speaking of the new grants, Gemma Wray, BBC Children in Need's national head, Wales, said: "Thanks to the generous donations

from the British public, projects like Special Families Maesteg and Bridge Mentoring Plus Scheme will go on to make a huge difference to children and young people who need it most."

"These new grants means there is currently £10.6m allocated to 168 projects working across Wales to support disadvantaged children and young people."

BBC Children in Need's chief executive, Simon Antrobus, added: "We're delighted to be able to award these grants, thanks to the generosity of the British public. This funding will help to support disadvantaged children and young people right across the UK, giving them the chance to overcome the challenges in their lives and to reach their full potential."

BBC Children in Need awards grants at seven points during the year and funds two types of grants, both of which are open to new or existing applicants. Running alongside the main and small grants programmes this year is Curiosity, a new partnership with Wellcome, which awards grants to organisations using inspiring science activities to create change for disadvantaged children and young people. Applications will reopen to the programme in autumn 2018.

COCO STEPHENS

BCBC senior officers' axeing to save £500,000 a year; 'austerity' blamed

A new monitoring officer has been appointed to Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in a shake-up of senior management roles which will save around £500,000 a year.

Kelly Watson, who was the council's group manager for legal and democratic services as well as the deputy monitoring officer, has been appointed to undertake the functions of solicitor to the council and monitoring officer.

The former monitoring officer and solicitor to the council, Andrew Jolly, has retired. Mr Jolly was also the corporate director for operational and partnership services but in an ongoing senior management restructuring, the local authority has scrapped the role.

The executive functions of the role have been transferred to both Ms Watson and the council's chief executive Darren Mephum.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, June 20, cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations Dhanisha Patel said: "I think it's

sad that due to austerity we have had to look at our staffing levels and we've had to remove a senior director from our structure."

"Other than that I see this as a tidying up exercise and making sure the relevant people have the right tools to get on with the job."

The monitoring officer

has the specific duty to ensure that the council, its officers and its elected members maintain the highest standard of conduct in all they do.

Current proposals also involve the scrapping of the director and head of human resources posts, plus a head of service post.

The senior

management review is designed to rationalise the structure and reduce costs.

Together with other changes, the overall savings are expected to be around £500,000 a year.

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Kenfig cadets put best foot forward at festival weekend

FESTIVAL weekend in Kenfig Hill saw a superb turnout on Saturday by cadets and staff from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron RAF Air Cadets.

Flight Sergeant Peckham RAFAC was in charge of the cadets and would like to thank them all for their effort assisting the vintage entrance running smoothly, selling of event programmes, running our recruitment stand, and the litter clearance duties carried out during the day in extreme heat.

Flt Sgt Peckham would also like to pass on to the cadets the thanks from the Pyle Community Council who were extremely pleased.

For one cadet, Cadet Griffiths, it was a double act as he had won a competition for being eco-friendly and designing a poster, so in addition to all the cadet duties, he also had 'eco duties' to perform.

Flt Sgt Peckham is hopeful that some of the children they spoke to at the event will come to join the squadron in due course.

Sunday saw the final event in this year's festival calendar with a thanksgiving service at St Theodore Church, Kenfig Hill.

Three cadets, Cadet Sergeant Charlotte Willoughby, Cadet Morgan Griffiths, and Cadet Jordan Harris paraded the standards for the Squadron and two for Pyle Community Council.

Flt Sgt Peckham expressed his sincere thanks to the three cadets for making the squadron's annual presence at this event possible, and to the two younger cadets, who were parading standards for the first time. Many in the congregation expressed how smart the cadets looked and appreciated them attending.



Cdt Griffiths, Cdt Sgt Willoughby and Cdt Harris.



Cdt Griffiths with his eco-friendly winning entry. Photos supplied by Flt Sgt (ATC) Peckham.

MAXX FUNDING FOR THE CONTACT ZONE



From left: Natalie Harries, The Contact Zone chairman of trustees; Louise Hirst, assistant manager at Valegate TK Maxx; Andrea Thomas, The Contact Zone manager with Cati Edwards and Jan Williams, also from The Contact Zone.

THE Contact Zone, a charity for separated families, has received £1,500 of funding through TJX Europe's Community Fund, TK Maxx's parent company.

Louise Hirst, assistant manager at the Valegate TK Maxx store in Culverhouse Cross, heard about the way The Contact Zone in Bridgend provides a safe, friendly and neutral environment where children of separated families can spend quality time with their non-resident parent.

She then decided to put the charity forward for the TJX Europe pot of money which aims to create a positive impact in communities by helping vulnerable children and young people achieve their potential.

Louise said: "I was over the moon when I found out that The Contact Zone had been successful. The work they do is invaluable to allow family relationships to develop in what may be difficult circumstances so I was incredibly pleased when I found out that they would be receiving £1,500, I know it will make a real difference."

The Contact Zone is run from Nolton church hall every Saturday by highly qualified staff and dedicated volunteers.

Parents or grandparents can spend one or two hours with their child or grandchild with full support from the charity without the risk of conflict.

Families can refer themselves for play sessions or they are referred through agencies or support organisations.

Andrea Thomas, manager of The Contact Zone said: "Every penny counts when it comes to our work as our funding is limited. When I heard that Louise had kindly nominated us and was subsequently successful I just couldn't believe it!"

"The fund will allow us to continue to support our families, train our volunteers and provide fabulous toys and activities for children and parents to enjoy."

If you would like to provide support the charity in any way by volunteering or through funding, or if you would like to arrange for contact with your child call Andrea on 07455 801617 or email andrea.thecontactzone@yahoo.co.uk.

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SUMMER FÊTE

THE parish of Pyle and Kenfig will hold a summer fête at the church hall, Pyle Road in Pyle on Saturday, July 14 from 12pm to 4pm.

There will be many stalls for cakes and produce, local crafts, a barbecue, games and activities with prizes to be won. Billy Blue will be there with his police car and entrance is free.

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KPC'S CHARITY GOLF DAY IS BRANDED A SUCCESS



Nearest the Pin – Wayne Keepins collecting on behalf of Dean Matthews (Fords) with Paula Lunnnon.



Ray Tucker (Fords).



Longest Drive was won by Gareth Howells of Swim Co.

Charities benefit from Paul's cycle ride



After being sponsored by friends and family, Paul Joseph was pleased to present cheques to the two charities today at the museum.



Third prize winners Barclays, Andrew Singer 3 Team.



Cllr John McCarthy and Mrs Judy McCarthy.



A sum of £350 was presented to Sue Marlow on behalf of Ty Elis and £550 to the museum's Vice Chairman David Swidenbank.

Roger awarded the BEM

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During the post war years, the D'Oyly Carte Opera company was very popular and Roger's parents took him to many of their productions.

Roger went on to study Natural Sciences at Selwyn College, Cambridge, but didn't neglect his music during this time as he played occasionally in the Aylesbury Choral college orchestra. From

there he joined a steel company in Aylesbury as a research physicist and his 'other career' as a self taught conductor began. He conducted the Tring Operatic Society, which performed mainly Gilbert and Sullivan and other musicals. In 1964, he formed an opera group in Aylesbury and at this time he met his wife, Yvonne, who sang occasionally in the Aylesbury Choral Society and was invited

to join Roger's Opera Group.

In 1968, Roger was transferred to Port Talbot and after a few years living in Pyle, moved to Porthcawl. Before The Savoyards began, Roger conducted a small orchestra in the Gower and was, at various times, conductor of the Porthcawl Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and the Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society.

It was in 1994 that the Savoyards was formed. Prior to this in the 1980s, Roger, Yvonne and friends would gather in their home to sing various Gilbert and Sullivan operas to celebrate the centenary of their first performance.

One evening in a local pub, Roger was with his good friend John Rees, a professional tenor who said he had always wanted to sing the part of Ralph in *HMS Pinafore*. A performance was organised and the Mid Glamorgan Savoyards was started.

Their annual performances for charity in the Pavilion Porthcawl have continued to this day. Proceeds have gone

to around 20 different charities. Singers, orchestral players and other helpers all volunteer their time and skills.

Roger received honours from his work in the steel industry and in 1991, he was invited to contribute a chapter in the encyclopaedic publication *Materials Science and Technology*, a substantial achievement as part of a group of international leaders in their field.

In 1996, he was awarded the Verulam Medal from the Institution of Materials for his work on steel. He and Yvonne were awarded the Mayor's Citizenship Award in 2013.

Currently, Roger is a founder member, Treasurer, Deputy Conductor and staging designer of Cor Bro Ogwr, Bridgend, formed in 1998. Roger and Yvonne are both members of the Tabernacl Music Society, Bridgend. From time to time, Roger conducts an augmented church choir at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl.

DOMINIQUE SPEAREY

KPC held its annual golf day at the Grove Golf Club on June 22, with 26 teams entering.

This was a special year for KPC, which is celebrating its 20th charity day.

It was great to see so many regular teams that have supported the charity over many years, as well as the new teams for 2018.

It was also wonderful to have some golfers who actually played at KPC's first golf day 20 years ago – Ray Tucker (Fords), John Savile and Gareth Evans (Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club).

The results from the day were: first prize Weldec with a score of 96, second prize Andrew Singer 3 Team (Brian Nicholas/Stephen Bull/Roger Watkins and Keith Wright) with 95; third prize Barclays 1 (scoring 92), with prizes presented by KPC chair Paula Lunnnon.

Longest Drive was won by Gareth Howells of Swim Co, with Nearest the Pin Dean Matthews (Fords) – prize collected by Wayne Keepins. The total number of Lost Balls was 330(1) with closest guess at 340 by

Phil Westerner of Bridgend Masonic Golf.

KPC would like to thank all teams that gave up their Friday to support them.

Also thanks also to everyone who donated to their auction prizes or sponsored a hole. Greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to Mark Jones of Cooperative Porthcawl for providing some welcome refreshments for the teams, and a special thanks to Barclays for match funding their fundraising again this year – fantastic.

For their evening entertainment KPC was delighted to have Lauren Jade & The Hats provide some fantastic sets, with great vocals and range of songs – and music.

They were also very pleased that the Mayor, Cllr John McCarthy and Mayoress, Judy McCarthy were able to join the evening.

Plans are already underway for KPC's next charity golf day, booked for June 21, 2019. Any teams interested in joining them would be very welcome.

ALISON MAWBAY

Social worker is jailed

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Mr Davies said: "He is well thought of, is hardworking. He worked with children with behavioural problems and he in no way did he behave in a malign way towards them."

Mr Davies said that Brown had been involved in a 'gradual slide' into more and more extreme images.

He said he had been to meetings of an organisation known as Sex Addicts Anonymous.

Added Mr Davies: "He realised he had a problem which he was working to deal with. It is a mitigating factor. People who knew him experienced incredulity at what he did."

The judge said that such images were appalling and involved children having their innocence taken away from them.

Brown, she said, had given into his impulses and the only sentence had to be immediate custody.

A Sexual Harm Prevention Order was made and Brown was directed to register as a sex offender for 10 years.

ON May 12, Porthcawl Museum Chairman Paul Joseph took part in the Carten, a Cardiff to Tenby 100 miles in a day bike ride.

Paul, a keen cyclist, has been in training preparing for some months and completed the challenge in just over seven hours. He was riding to support two charities, Porthcawl Museum and the Porthcawl Ty-Elis Counselling service.

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Extra classroom for Cwmfelin

A NEW classroom will be built to provide some much needed extra space at Cwmfelin Primary School.

Cabinet Members from Bridgend County Borough Council have agreed to spend £165,000 on the classroom, which will be built on land close to the nursery building.

Cllr Charles Smith, the council's Cabinet Member for Education

and Regeneration, said: "Despite staff making the best use of the school premises, the classroom spaces at Cwmfelin Primary School are insufficient, so we are all in agreement that this investment is needed."

"The new classroom will be big enough to accommodate 20 pupils, and will give the school more room for group work and delivering interventions for pupils who need extra support."

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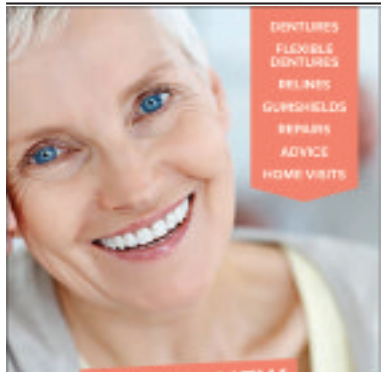
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Chernobyl Children's Life Line is a charity that supports children and their families from Belarus and Ukraine who are forever affected by the world's worst nuclear disaster.

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The charity provides child victims of the Chernobyl disaster with recuperative breaks to the UK, on-going supplies of multi-vitamins and basic healthcare products to the children on their return. As well as other support and assistance when they are home.

A gentleman who is involved in the Chernobyl children's charity visited the Emmaus shop in Portcawl and explained that a group of children were staying in the area for a recuperative break. He shared that the children were in need of clothing to take back home with them.

Emmaus South Wales were most happy to help as part of their solidarity work to help those less fortunate. Emmaus donated a range of children's clothing including warm coats, dresses and trousers as well as baby clothes and shoes.

If you would like to support Emmaus South Wales' solidarity work or donate items, visit their website www.emmaus-southwales.org.uk.

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Local pupils glide to victory beneath Filton's Concorde

BETWS Primary School's Year 5 STEM project had pupils compete using their numeracy and DT skills to create a foam board glider in a competition against other schools from south Wales and England.

Oak class built prototype gliders, carried out a series of test flights and the best glider was taken to the finals.

The regional final was held at the new Aerospace Museum in Filton, Bristol, where pupils were given the opportunity to board one of the remaining Concorde aeroplanes.

The glider competition took place underneath the aeroplane's fuselage. With a flight of 48' 3", the Betws team took first place and competed in the national final on June 27.

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Betws Primary pupils were awarded first prize.

RESIDENTS' PETITION AGAINST HOUSING SCHEME

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to save a woodland in Bridgend after plans were submitted to build three homes on it.

The outline planning application involves building three detached homes and garages on Briary Wood, Briary Way, Brackla.

The site forms part of the locally-designated 'Tremains' Site of Importance for Nature Conservation and is also registered as Ancient Semi Natural Woodland with the trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO).

Keith Hughes, who has lived in the area for 30 years and started the Save Briary Wood petition on inyourarea.co.uk said: "Local residents at Briarfields and beyond are up in arms about this."

"The ancient woodland and possibly all its habitat and wildlife will disappear."

"Despite an original authorisation for just one property at this location, the planning department at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have given permission for the four detached dwellings."

"We are concerned that once again this will be a case of 'planning creep' – there is already evidence to suggest that plans for up to 11 dwellings have, or are, being considered."

He added: "Briary Wood backs onto the 'blackpath' leading to Archbishop McGrath and Tremains Primary School and this will not only have a profound effect on the children who walk this path daily but to my mind sends out the wrong signal from BCBC on the environment and wellbeing policies that they promote throughout the county."

A tree survey submitted by Clay Williams Associates as

part of the application recommends the felling of 23 trees with tree management work being undertaken on nine trees.

The report states the trees, which are mainly Ash, are "largely poor specimens" and "potentially dangerous" due to their location on a steep embankment and the "total lack of tree management work" by the previous landowner.

The report suggests that most of the trees on the 0.25 hectare application site do not provide a significant public amenity value – a major criterion when trees are being considered for protection by the imposition of a TPO.

An ecology report states that there are no records of protected or notable species associated with the site, although the immediate surrounding area does include a variety of small mammals such as hedgehogs as well as bluebells and foraging bats.

It adds that a management plan for the woodland and nearby stream woodland would be implemented as part of any residential development at the site.

The application – P/18/381/OUT – has been submitted by Vale Planning which is also the agent.

The deadline for members of the public to make representations on the plans has been extended to July 3.

A BCBC spokesman said that residents have been advised to email or post their objections as an alternative to submitting them via the website due to problems with a part of the website.

Mr Hughes' petition can be found on: www.inyourarea.co.uk/post/ugc-voting-petitions/7db4e9bb-4990-4fea-9bbd-0ea4b4409241

Liz Bradfield
Local Democracy Reporter

Former boxing gym site could become a nursery

A CHILDREN'S nursery could be set up on the former site of Bridgend's first boxing gym.

Sadie and Franks Ltd wants to open a children's nursery on the former site of Bridgend Boxing Club at Kings Wood Court, Ogmores Road, Ewenny.

The unit, which is currently vacant according to documents submitted to the Vale Council, would be converted to form nursery accommodation if plans go ahead.

It would open alongside a soft play centre in units one and two of the building which are also run by Sadie and Franks.

The proposed nursery would have a maximum capacity of 40 children between the ages of 12 weeks and 12 years, a statement submitted by C2J Architects explained.

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Helen makes progress

Helen Fincham accepting a second donation for physiotherapy from the president of Bridgend Lions Club, Patrick Halliwell.

LAST year, the Bridgend Lions donated £1,000 to Helen Fincham, who suffered an unexplained neurological problem causing complete paralysis of her body.

Intensive physio followed and is still continuing. It is hoped that constant physio, which is extremely costly, will enable Helen to walk again in the future.

Josie Aitken, clinic manager of Neuro Physio

Wales Ltd is pleased with Helen's progress, as she now experiences some movement of her upper body and arms.

Josie would like to highlight that such physios are highly specialist neurological physiotherapists who have years of experience behind them in this field of physiotherapy.

They have a specialist clinic with the latest in neurological rehabilitation equipment, but also offer a home visiting service to clients who cannot travel to them.



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Lions' thanks

A BIG thank you to all who have been and continue to support the Porthcawl Lions car boot sales.

The Lions are at Porthcawl Rugby ground every Sunday from 8am to 1pm, where a pitch costs just £6. It's a very popular activity and the weather in the main has been a good friend to the Lions.

The Porthcawl Lions golf team once again took part in the KPC golf event this year and as last year, they did not win.

Change is coming to the Porthcawl Lions as current president Andrew has completed his year and Rhys will take over; membership has increased and change is in the air.

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Coytrahen Fun Day

THE annual Coytrahen Fun Day takes place at the Community Centre on Saturday, July 7.

Commencing at 12pm (free entry), there is music by Rocking Dave Riley plus a local band, a magic show to entertain the kids by children's clown, Mr T Ricks and further entertainment provided by local drummers.

On the field, there will be children's and adult's novelty races, field events with children's rides (bouncy castle, etc.), a licensed bar, burgers, hot dogs and indoor and outdoor stalls complete the programme for this fun day out with something for everyone to enjoy.

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poorer parts of the world.

Emmaus South Wales is part of an international movement that operates in 37 countries across the world, supporting people living in poverty.

Each year, every Emmaus community commits one day's takings to help a project in a poorer part of the world, supported by Emmaus International. This is an important part of the Emmaus ethos, as no matter how bad things might be, there are always others worse off.

This year, Emmaus South Wales' Solidarity Sale will be held on Saturday, June 30, where all of the day's takings from their shops in Bridgend, Porthcawl, Maesteg, Cowbridge, Neath and Aberdare will go to support people in need across the world.

You can also support the Emmaus Solidarity Sale online until Saturday, June 30, when all proceeds from selling the Emmaus South Wales Cotton Tote Bags online will go to support Emmaus International projects.

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Success at HM Coastguard volunteer recruitment day

LAST weekend, HM Coastguard station volunteer team invited people to come along if they were interested in joining the Coastguard.

A spokesperson said: "We thank Bro Radio for

allowing us to be part of their morning show on Tuesday, reaching out to the local area.

"From the time we opened the station, we had a steady stream of people coming in, chatting with our team, looking at the variety of kit we use and learning a lot more about the

Coastguard.

"We were also pleased to welcome Alun Cairns, Vale MP and Secretary State of Wales, for a look around our station. It was a fantastic day in the sunshine.

"We wish all who are applying to join the very best of luck as we continue to provide the service to our local community."

After visiting the team, Mr Cairns described the Coastguard as "...key to ensuring safety along our coastlines".

He said, "The Coastguard plays a huge role in keeping people safe, especially at this time of year. We have seen some lovely weather recently but, unfortunately, with the increase in visitors comes an increase in incidents."

"We are incredibly fortunate here in the Vale that we have such a quick responding team to help those in distress and I would like to pay tribute to the volunteers who give their time to provide this vital service."

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ABP South Wales apprentice wins top award

JAMES POWER, a Level 3 apprentice at ABP South Wales, has been named a mechanical engineering 'Star of the Future' by the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA).

'Stars of the Future' is a national award hosted by the CPA, where the best plant maintenance apprentices from around the UK are recognised for their achievements throughout their apprenticeships.

Over the past four years of his apprenticeship with ABP South Wales, James has split his time between the ports of Cardiff and Barry, while studying at Bridgend College.

Members of the ABP South Wales engineering team have passed their expert knowledge on to James, which has allowed him to learn a range of new skills, including how to service large pieces of port machinery.

This transfer of knowledge is part of ABP's commitment to developing future talent and will help maintain high levels of expertise in the ports, ensuring that



James Power, Level 3 apprentice at ABP South Wales.

they continue to provide outstanding services. Nathan Evans, Engineering Resources Manager, ABP South Wales, James beat nominees from across Engineering and Science, Wales to be named the regional award winner.

CREAM TEA

A VINTAGE cream tea will be held at Gileston Manor, near St Athan, on Sunday, July 8, from 2pm-4pm.

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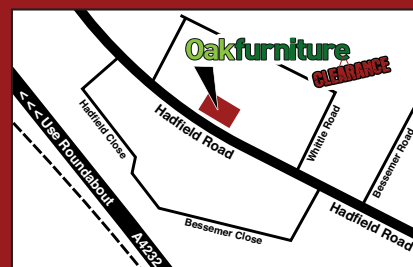
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home with children aged 14 years and over. He would prefer owners who are around for most of the day, as he is not used to being left for too long and he does love to have human company.

He is a gorgeous, fun loving boy who is definitely one for the English Bull Terrier fans!

If you would like more information on Frank, then call into Dogs Trust Bridgend, CF31 4NG, call 01656 725219 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

National Federation of Women's Institutes' Annual Meeting in Cardiff

THE 2018 National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting took place in the Motorpoint Arena on June 6 and thousands of members from all over England, Wales and the Islands came to Cardiff for this prestigious event in the Woman's Institute calendar.

Among them were over 300 members from Glamorgan Federation led by their chairman, Mrs Ann Davies.

The meeting began in true WI fashion with the singing of 'Jerusalem' and this year Glamorgan's director of music, Mrs Norma Morris had the honour of accompanying the members on the piano.

Mrs Lyn Stubbings, national chairman, officiated and in her informative address she reminded members that the WI was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first resolution to have been passed in 1918.

This involved urging the government of the day to provide good housing in rural areas and the WI have been

campaigning on a wide range of issues ever since.

WI campaigns are about changing things for the better and tackling the issues that matter to members. WI members have embraced a diverse set of challenges and this year's resolution 'Mental Health Matters' was no different.

The resolution was thoroughly discussed later in the morning and was carried by 98 per cent.

Guest speakers during the day included Dame Stella Rimington and Mr Huw Edwards.

Members enjoyed listening to Dame Stella who is an author and the former director of MI5.

She talked about her early life and explained how a job in the MI5 office in India, where she was stationed with her husband in the 1960s, led her to a permanent position in MI5 when she returned to London and subsequently to become the first female director

of the service.

She was also the first person to be named on appointment, to pose openly for the cameras and to campaign for more transparency in the security services.

Mr Huw Edwards, a journalist and well-known broadcaster, entertained the members in the afternoon and he started by saying that he had recently presented the royal wedding to 14 million people around the world – but talking to 5,000 WI ladies was more scary!

He spoke about his work in the media and about the changes and challenges faced by everyone in the world of technology.

The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthems and Jerusalem.

Everyone agreed that it had been an excellent day and they were looking forward to the next annual meeting to be held in Bournemouth in 2019.

HISTORY TALK

RHOOSE and District History Society is hosting a talk by acclaimed author and historian **Don Llewellyn** on 'The Brains Behind the Mob', which is the story of Llewellyn Morris Humphries.

The event takes place at the rear hall of Rhose Community Centre, Stewart Road, on Friday, June 29 at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door: adults £1, child under-16, 50p.

New home for NHS Blood Bikes charity



Andrew Morgan of Blood Bikes Wales with Andrew Clark (left) and Phil Davies of Hospital Innovations.

A LEADING South Wales business has stepped in to help a local health charity which had been struggling to find new premises.

Previously based at Royal Glamorgan Hospital, site changes meant that the charity Blood Bikes Wales had to quickly find a new base.

Fortunately, Talbot Green-based Hospital Innovations was able to step in and offer them permanent new premises.

The services provided by Blood Bikes Wales are essential to the day-to-day running of the NHS. Based in south Wales, the Blood Bikes Wales services facilitate hospitals across the whole of Wales, the Midlands and south west England.

Providing their premises as an operations base for the charity is further indication of the commitment of Hospital Innovations to helping both the local community and the NHS in Wales provide essential services.

Blood Bikes Wales is a UK registered charity that provides the NHS with voluntary out-of-hours transport services, moving blood supplies, plasma, documents and other items between hospitals.

The services provided by the charity – which depends upon members of the community volunteering their spare time to the cause – ensure that the blood samples of cancer patients can be dealt with increasingly efficiently.

Blood Bikes Wales mid-area rep Andrew Morgan said: "The news that Blood Bikes will have a new permanent home is positive for both the charity and the community that we proudly serve."

"The hard work of our volunteers results in substantial savings for the NHS which can be used to deliver frontline patient care. The new relationship with Hospital Innovations provides certainty for the organisation and the vital voluntary services we deliver for years to come."

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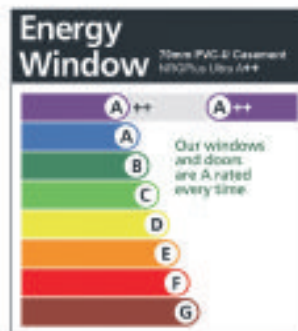


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Ramblers stay strong through the longest day

ELEVEN walkers including newcomer Paul M joined Joy at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe village on a beautiful warm sunny evening at the start of a three-mile walk celebrating the Longest Day or Summer Solstice.

All the stiles on this walk had been previously cleared by the group's Loppers and Choppers and the defects repaired by the Vale Council Public Rights of Way team for which the group are most grateful.

Heading through the subway and over a stream, a stile led them to Port Road and then over a locked gate into fields. Enjoying the views eastwards to St Andrews before heading out onto the road, a short journey led them back into long grassed fields and on through Garn to reach the busy Port Road.

Carefully crossing and making their way through a small wood on the perimeter of Wenvoe Golf Course, after clambering over several fallen trees, a rough path led them to Burdonhill Farm and along the stony dusty track before the coolness of Wenvoe Wood led to their return via Pound Lane.

Last weekend, the group celebrated their quarter of a century year with a walk followed by a barbecue at Porthkerry Country Park in scorching weather. Nineteen walkers joined Joy and Biddy near the viaduct setting off through the main meadow and up onto West Ridge for the journey up through the Whitelands Valley to Port Road.

Fields behind Blackton Farm brought them to the road and into Penmark for morning break in the lovely churchyard of St Mary's before the trek through wheat and rapeseed fields on the perimeter of Cardiff

Airport and by quiet lane to Nurston.

Making their way past the Highwayman and into Rhoeus village, the little bit of sea breeze they felt upon arriving at the coast was much appreciated as the heat was steadily rising and making their way to the southernmost tip of mainland Wales, everyone was glad to stop for a short rest to take on liquid. Then hotfooting it back through Porthkerry Leisure Park, the Bulwarks Iron Age fort and across the pitch and putt course led them back to the Forest Lodge where delicious food and drinks awaited the hot and hungry horde.

Most grateful thanks go to the Loppers and Choppers for the path clearing, Jan and John for gate-keeping, Anna for the delightful elderflower champagne, Josie for baking three delicious cakes with a gold star to chef Mandy and helpers Claire and Lainey who did all the hard work, cooking in the heat to round off a very special day.

On June 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8.5-mile mod/hard walk in the Garw Valley taking in Mynydd Llangeinwyr; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On July 4, meet at 8.30am at Cogan for a 14-mile mod/hard walk in the Carmarthen Fans; contact John R on 029 2070 8294.

On July 5, meet at 6.30pm at the Gorsedd Stones (rear of Romilly Park, Barry) for a 4-mile easy/mod tramp around the Knap and Barry Island; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Welfare advice

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IT'S that time of year again, when the people of Barry converge onto Romilly Park for the annual Barry Scouts and Guides fete.

This year's fete, on Saturday, July 7, will be a perfect day out for all the family, with lots of entertainment, stalls, food and fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

During the fete there will be displays from local organisations Goshin Karate and Motion Control Dance as well as the Scout and Guide activities.

Entry to the fete is by a programme costing £2, which includes a free lucky prize draw to win £250. Gates will open at 12pm, with the official opening taking place at 1.15pm.

The fete is supported and organised by volunteers of Scouts and



Guides in Barry with all proceeds going to support the two movements which deliver fun-filled activities for thousands of boys and girls within Barry which costs over £120,000 a year to run.

If you wish for your child to join a Guide or Scout group in Barry, then come along to the fete and speak to any one of the adult volunteers for more information.

Likewise, if you wish to join the fun as an adult volunteer we can provide excellent training, free DBS

check, skills for life and of course a lot of fun and adventure, with a bonus of this looking great on a CV!

We do hope you enjoy the fete this year, the first under our new district name 'Tir a môr' (Land to Sea) and will continue to support Scouting and Guiding in the future.

You can follow us for updates on our new website at tir-a-mor-scouts.org.uk or via social media: [facebook.com/BarryScouts](https://www.facebook.com/BarryScouts) and on Twitter.com - @BarryValeScouts.

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Barry Scouts and Guides 2018

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Leighton Rowlands, is pleased to support the Barry Scouts and Guides 2018 fete and wishes them a successful event.

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Maesteg festival showcases talented young stars

The winner was Lily Mai Duncan.
Images by Phil Davies Scenic Gallery.



THE 'Star Search' competition proved very popular again at the Gwyl Maesteg Festival.

The festival started in 2013 with Star Search, now in its third year and a sell-out this year.

Having gone through auditions there were eight acts competing for the £1,000 first prize, £500 for the second and £250 for the third.

Hosted by Wayne Courtney, who has a weekly Radio Show on Cardiff Radio, the competitors were Kellie Williams, Dylan Morgan, Tracy Lewis, Curtain Up Youth Theatre, Tony Mullins, Sophie Thomas, Lily Mai Duncan and UDC Distinction.

Last year's winner, Mike Williams, who is

now a professional dancer, was the guest performer.

The competition was a mixture of ages and included singing, comedy and dance.

Dylan Morgan, who is about to start a BA honours degree in musical theatre at GAMTA, came third. Curtain Up Youth Theatre won second place and featured children from six to 17 in the performance.

But star of the show was 14-year-old Lily Mai Duncan. Lily's performance of 'I'd Give my Life for You', taken from the musical *Miss Saigon*, won the judges over.

It was amazing to note that the three winners were members of Curtain Up Youth Theatre and

had entered the competition independently and won their place in the finals.

Curtain Up Youth Theatre is now in its 17th year and Ruth, Sarah and Clare who run the group must be feeling very proud.

Judge Stifyn Parri, who drove down from north Wales to be at the competition, admitted that he had judged many, many competitions across the country but was blown away by the high standard on show.

He emphasised there were no losers because everyone taking part was a winner. The winning cheques were presented by Maesteg Town Council, Mayor Mrs L Beedle.

Curtain Up Youth Theatre.



Dylan Morgan
being interviewed.

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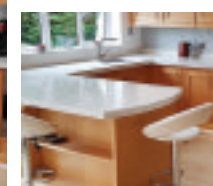
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Air Ambulance charity receives boost from Iron Horse Society



MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Iron Horse Vintage Society went to Cardiff Heliport on June 19 to present a £600 cheque to the Wales Air Ambulance charity.

Members are proud to support the charity and have raised over £10,000 in recent years with a vintage tractor run from Cwm Risca Farm, Tondur, to Porthcawl earlier in the year.

Members had a tour of the Air Ambulance and a talk by Catrin Hall, Community Coordinator and the helicopter crew.

Welsh Conservative Leader slams the plans for Youth Parliament

THE creation of a new Youth Parliament for Wales could end up being a "missed opportunity," Welsh Conservative Leader Andrew RT Davies has warned.

Mr Davies, a supporter of the concept of the Youth Parliament, slammed several aspects of the proposals that he said would go against the project's aims and cause "further alienation and confusion".

Under the plans, the Youth Parliament will be split into four electoral regions, rather than the five the Assembly operates under. The Vale of Glamorgan has been placed into the South West Wales region, while Montgomeryshire is included in north Wales, a situation Mr Davies described as "absurd".

He has written to the presiding officer expressing his concerns, claiming that rather than engage more young people in politics, the plans would only serve to increase the disconnect between them.

Mr Davies said: "I am a strong

supporter of the concept of a Youth Parliament, which I believe is vital to engage more young people with the political and democratic processes in Wales.

"But it seems frankly absurd that rather than mirror the existing political structures and institutions, the format will be completely different.

"It will only serve to increase confusion and cause people to not take the new scheme seriously.

"It makes no sense for the Vale to be included in South West Wales and Montgomeryshire to be in north Wales. It seems to have been done on the basis of convenience instead of a desire to increase engagement.

"I have informed the presiding officer of my concerns and I hope action will be taken to address them. This is an exciting opportunity and one that we do not want to miss."

Water quality the topic for NFU Cymru

NFU Cymru members recently discussed water quality at a county meeting held at St Mary's Golf Club.

During the meeting, NFU Cymru Glamorgan County Adviser, Aled Davies, gave a presentation on water quality and the role that agriculture has to play in keeping waterways clean throughout Wales.

Members heard from Nichola Salter from Natural Resources Wales who gave a presentation on good and bad practice throughout Wales,

including the separation of clean and dirty water, as well as slurry control.

Nichola also told members about a self-regulatory approach to pollution incidents and how self-reporting any pollution issue was very important when it comes to containing the issue and will help when it comes to possible prosecutions.

Members in attendance heard from Farming Connect representative, Hannah Wright, who gave

an update on the advice and guidance available, as well as the various funding for on-farm investment, before hearing from Liz Price, the Wye and Usk catchment officer.

NFU Cymru Glamorgan County Chairman Gwyn Thomas said: "I'd like to thank all of tonight's speakers for taking the time to come and speak with us about this important issue."



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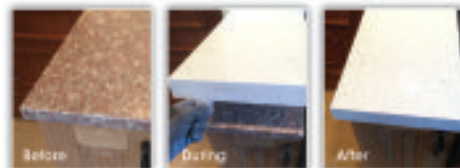


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Super Troopers 2 - BELATED SEQUEL PARTIES JUST LIKE IT'S 2001!

YOU may, or indeed may not, have heard of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe.

The American group built a live reputation in the mid-1990s before transferring their comedic skills to the big screen in 2001 with *Super Troopers*, a comedy about state troopers that showcased their irreverent humour.

Following *Super Troopers* up with slasher comedy *Club Dread* and 2006's *Beerfest*, the troupe seemed to have faded into obscurity after 2009's *The Slammin' Salmon*, but they're back with a bang in *Super Troopers 2*.

When a part of Canadian land is deemed to be American, and therefore under the jurisdiction of US state troopers, who better to call in than the worst of the worst - Thorny (Jay Chandrasekhar, who also directs), Mac (Steve Lemme), Rabbit (Erik Stolhanske), Foster (Paul Soter) and Farva (Kevin Heffernan). Given the task of liaising with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, what could go wrong? It turns out, everything...

While *Super Troopers* was a cult hit, it never screamed out for a sequel. When you add to the mix the law of diminishing returns for the Broken Lizard gang, returning to Vermont's infamous group of troopers 17 years later seemed like a strange move.

It's a move, however, that just about pays off, the sequel behaving as if it's still 2001, tuned as it is to the comedy that was so prevalent around



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that time, and while it's married to a story that is perfunctory in the extreme, it still manages to raise a fair few laughs throughout its brief running time.

You don't necessarily need to have seen the first film to enjoy this one (one callback joke aside, meow), although it would give you an idea of the sort of bawdy comedy you can expect.

There's something both dated yet enjoyable about a comedy that doesn't feel the need to bog itself down in real world events, rather existing in a slapstick bubble of its own.

The plot, which sees the troopers up against mounties in a battle of wits and bragging rights, is merely a loose connecting tissue to tie a number of skits together, and while they don't always land with force, more often than not they'll raise a decent chuckle.

There are elements that feel tired or overdone - a routine involving impersonating the mounties and speaking pidgin French doesn't really work,

while Kevin Heffernan's Farva is an unflinching, OTT character that works best in small doses rather than the decent size portions offered here.

But Jay Chandrasekhar's direction knows its way around a comedic set-piece, and the script (written by all members of Broken Lizard) has certainly got the odd zinger in its locker.

The performances are all solid, the troupe themselves parlaying their chemistry into the roles and don't miss a step despite the massive gap between films, while Brian Cox's returning Captain O'Hagan sees the much-vaunted actor yet again showing off his funny bone.

Tyler Labine, Will Sasso and Hayes McArthur make a decent fist of the Mountie antagonists, Emmanuelle Chriqui is fine as the woman sent to oversee the land transition, and while on paper Rob Lowe playing a mayor known as the 'Halifax Explosion' should be great fun, in reality it's a small role that doesn't really go anywhere.

The film succeeds best when it enjoys freewheeling, paying little mind to the story and trying to raise laughs. When it gets shoehorned into moving the plot along, or trying to add some depth to proceedings (Chriqui's character falling for Stohlanske's Rabbit feels like padding) it doesn't really work. But considering the fear that this could have been an absolute disaster, the end result is a pleasant surprise, undemanding, daft and reasonably funny.

You won't be crying out for a trilogy-closer, but *Super Troopers 2* is a reasonably diverting piece of work.

VERDICT: An unlikely sequel, *Super Troopers 2* is a film that won't be to everyone's taste, but those who have a soft spot for early-noughties comedy, or the first film, will find something to enjoy here.

The plot is perfunctory, the production value low, but there are enough laughs here and the performances, in the main, are committed enough that you should get something out of it, no matter how small.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Super Troopers* (2001), *Harold & Kumar Get The Munchies* (2004).

BRIAN LEE

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE?

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, June 28 there will be an assisted workshop run by Bridgett artist and lecturer Claire Hiett which will involve techniques of monoprint and chine colle - a form of collage and mixed media printmaking.

It is the last formal meeting of the society as the following week will be the end of year social evening.

The group meet on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and occasional visitors and new members are welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.

AM surgery
VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, June 30 from 10am-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street.

Friends of the Earth meeting
THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 3 in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Equity Release
DO you own your own home? If you are

interested in equity release and would like more information and advice, Age Connects are holding a session at their Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, July 3 from 10am to 12 pm. No appointment needed, just come along and chat to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Arthritis group
A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you have arthritis, whether you have been recently diagnosed or have been living with it for some time, we're here with information and support. The group is tailored to your needs and will help with information on diet, medication, Tai Chi, Yoga etc.

Sessions will be held monthly on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 4pm; the next drop-in is Tuesday, July 3. Call 01446 732385 or to May (coordinator) on 07711 3669456 for further information - or just come along.

Trading standards
DO you have an issue related to Trading Standards? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop in information session on Tuesday, July 3 from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Cardiff and

Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Llanmaes village fete
LLANMAES village are holding their annual fete on Saturday, July 7 from 1pm to 5pm in conjunction with the Blacksmith's Arms beer festival.

Fun for all the family: photographic competition, Aberthyn Tractor Boys, Brian Moore's mouth challenge, craft stalls, coconut shy, face painting, bouncy castle, live music and barbecue. Come and join us!

Concert with a 'swing'
ST DONATS Chorale brings a festival of 'swing and jazz music' to its summer concert at St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 7 at 7.30pm.

It will feature favourites from the days of Sinatra and Louis Armstrong, mixed with some famous gospel music. Refreshments and a raffle will go towards church funds.

Tickets (£10, concessions £5) from the choir's website www.stdonats.com, from Nickleby's Book Shop in Llantwit Major or on the door.

Councillors' surgery
LLANTWIT First Independent

Councillors will hold an advice surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 7 from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Cream tea
A VINTAGE cream tea will be held at Gileston Manor, near St Athan, on Sunday, July 8, from 2pm-4pm.

A ukulele band will entertain and all proceeds will go to Gileston Church. Tickets (£7) to include entrance and cream tea; children free. For further information, call 01446 750416.

National Trust Association
THE Vale NT Association is delighted to announce a special event at Dyffryn House on Tuesday, July 10 at 11am in the Morning Room.

Colin Evans will share his memories of living in the house when he was seven years old during World War Two. If you are a member and would like to come, email infovalnt@gmail.com to include a contact email or telephone number as numbers are strictly limited. Many thanks to NT Dyffryn for letting

us use the house to really bring Colin's story to life.

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Vintage show at Margam
GLAMORGAN Iron Horse Vintage Society are hosting a vintage show at Margam Country Park, Port Talbot (SA13 2TJ) from 10am - 4pm on July 7 and 8.

Come see the vintage tractors, stationary engines, military vehicles, classic cars and bikes.

Fundraising concert for children's charity

HARMONIOUS HARPS will hold their annual summer concert at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday, July 3 commencing at 6.30pm.

The concert is in aid of LATCH, the Welsh children's charity. LATCH supports the children and their

families who are being treated by the oncology unit at the Children's Hospital of Wales.

The harpists would really appreciate the support of a large audience in order to raise funds for this worthwhile charity and are very grateful to Holy Cross Church for their help with this event.

We hope that the audience will give what they can; hence rather

than set a fixed ticket price, they will be able to give confidentially if they wish.

No tickets required in advance. Gift Aid envelopes will be handed out in lieu of tickets and there is no minimum donation required to attend.

The harpists performing include Megan Hastings, Beca Owen, Caitlin Morris, Cesia Rhys Lewis, Bryn Wardhaugh, Aneira Anderson, Seren Horsey, Gwenda Fitzpatrick, Eleanor MacNamara, Sara Jones, Cai Wardhaugh, Rhys Wardhaugh, Elinor Parsons, Morwenna Brown, Anwen Fardy, Nia Paddison Rhys, Nia Fenn, Carys Lewis and Etienne Langlois.

This year the children are joined by two adult learners, it's never too late to enjoy music, so please come along and support Harmonious Harps and LATCH on July 3.

Caroline Greenwood

Penarth Literature Festival this July

GRIFFIN BOOKS is hosting the seventh annual Penarth Literature Festival over the weekend July 6-8.

This year's LitFest will have a distinctly Welsh flavour, featuring events on Welsh history, landscape and art, as well as local authors and the ever popular broadcaster Roy Noble.

There will also be a bilingual Elmer-themed workshop for children and the return of the popular Poetry Showcase.

All tickets are £5 and under, and can be bought from ticketsource.co.uk/griffinbooks or by calling 02920 706455.

For more details of all LitFest events, visit griffinbooks.co.uk.

Brecon History tour BOOK REVIEW

Mal Morrison's pocket size *Brecon History Tour* (published by Amberley Publishing at £7.99) takes readers on a guided walk through the history of this Welsh town.

It is a cracking little book of 96 pages and 50 fascinating images that gives the reader a unique insight into the illustrious history of this ancient mid-Wales market town, and shows just how

much it has changed during the course of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Readers are invited to follow the local author as he guides them through its streets and alleyways, pointing out the well-known and lesser-known landmarks along the way.

It would be nice if the publishers could be persuaded to add a Cowbridge history tour to their series of historic tour books.

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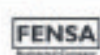
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LOCAL PUPILS PLAY THEIR PART IN VALE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PEOPLE living in the Colcot area are invited to volunteer at Margaret Avenue as part of the Vale's Timebanking project.

The Vale Council's Community Investment Team is responsible for developing a range of initiatives to engage tenants and enable them to gain new skills while building cohesive communities.

The team are working with Spice Time Credits to manage the scheme in the Vale. Time credits are earned by volunteering in your local community and they can be spent on activities and opportunities, or across the UK network.

Tenants have started taking ownership of their local neighbourhood areas such as Gibby Green Fingers, and the Margaret Avenue Community Garden in Colcot, Barry.

A group of pupils from Colcot Primary

school recently spent a morning with the Vale's Community Investment Team, painting tyres at Margaret Avenue Community Garden.

Vale Mayor, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, talked with Vale Council officers and pupils as they worked on improving the avenue.

Cllr Rowlands said: "It was great to see pupils and residents volunteering to improve Margaret Avenue. Transforming areas in the community such as this one, is a worthwhile cause, and I hope as many people as possible can volunteer their time and help make a difference to Colcot."

The Community Investment and Involvement Officers are inviting residents to a further volunteering event on July 3. A barbecue will be provided and residents can volunteer at Margaret Avenue from 3.30pm-6pm. Paint brushes will be provided on the day.

Community Investment and Involvement Officer, Mark Ellis said: "We are trying to get as many members of the community involved in transforming Margaret Avenue, as it is in the heart of the Colcot estate. The school children from Colcot Primary School and residents have worked hard today to paint tyres, railings, and put together equipment that will be used in the garden."

"I hope more residents can volunteer and join us on our next event on July 3 and help us to develop the area as once it is finished, it will be a place that residents can be proud of, and they can use the area every day."

For further information about the volunteering day, contact Shani or Mark, members of the Community Investment and Involvement Officers on 07813 068324.



Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands painting tyres with Colcot Primary pupils.

Graduation from CAVC



Career Ready graduates with front centre (from left) CAVC Career Ready manager Tracy Bird, Ashton Hewitt and CAVC Career Ready apprentice Danielle Halford.

CARDIFF and Vale College played host to 25 students as they celebrated their graduation from its Career Ready programme with their friends, parents and mentors.

Professor speaks about dignity in care

PROFESSOR Baroness Iflora Finlay will be the next guest of Barry Arts Festival's Talking Points series, speaking at 10am in the Restaurant at Golau Caredig (the former Theatre Royal), Broad Street, Barry on Friday, June 29.

A professor of palliative medicine at Cardiff University, crossbench member of the House of Lords since 2001 and former Welsh Woman of the Year, Baroness Finlay is also vice-president of Hospice UK and Marie Curie Care.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Dot Connell, said: "Baroness Finlay has been one of Wales' foremost campaigning public figures for many decades, and we look forward to hearing her speak about her work in research and at the House of Lords."

"Her work in

palliative care, care for those who are terminally ill, has made a huge difference to many families in Wales over many decades, and she has been hugely influential on public policy as co-chair of think tank Living and Dying Well and serving on the Select Committee on Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill.

"This will be a fascinating talk for anybody interested in our health services and how we treat people in this country."

Tickets for this event are £5, including tea, coffee and biscuits, and can be ordered in advance from Dot Connell on 07982 319456 or dot.connell@virgin.net

Barry Arts Festival would like to thank Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing Association for their sponsorship of the Festival, which is now in its seventh year.

The graduation ceremony was held in The Classroom, the College's modern European restaurant with views across Cardiff at its City Centre Campus.

Students were presented with a certificate for completing the programme by Welsh international and Newport Gwent Dragons rugby player, Ashton Hewitt.

The programme, run in CAVC by Career Ready manager Tracy Bird, is part of a UK-wide charity linking employers with schools and colleges to open up the world of work to young people aged 16 to 19. Learners at CAVC can apply to join the programme to run alongside their course and receive mentoring, masterclasses, workplace visits and internships.

Awards were also presented. The Career Ready Student of the Year Award 2018 was won by Dylan Eveleigh for his creativity, attention to detail, enthusiasm and potential.

The CAVC Career Programme expands year on year to include more courses. This year construction courses were featured for the first time and the Think Build Construction Student of the Year Award was won by Level 3 Enhanced Diploma in Construction and Built Environment learner Nia Jones.

"I'm very grateful for this award," said 17-

year-old Nia from Bridgend. "I have received some fantastic opportunities and more people should get involved with Career Ready to learn skills for the world of work. The construction industry is growing massively and more girls need to get involved in construction as well."

The Outstanding Achievement Award was won by Lloyds Bank head of colleague engagement and insight Steve Pember for his work on the Career Ready Local advisory Board.

Tracy Bird said: "I am honoured and proud to celebrate the success of our Career Ready learners. These students embraced the opportunity to build a successful career path."

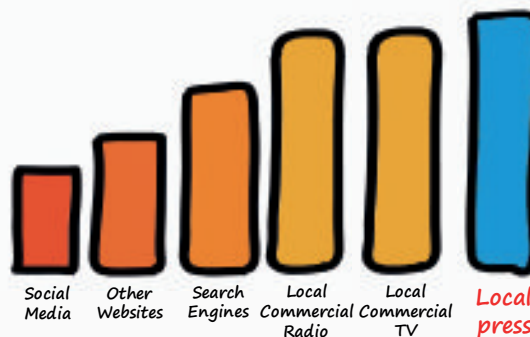
"Each one of them has been supported by mentors' masterclasses, workplace visits and internships. We have a significant role to play in enabling young people to deliver their potential and for us to deliver a skilled workforce."

"With help of our volunteers and supports we have achieved this, not only producing a skilled team of Career Ready learners, but also successful ones. Career Ready students of today are our future."



Local press three times more trusted than social media

Three quarters of people (74%) trust the information they read in their local paper in print or online. Only 22% trust local news they read on social media platforms.



Local press in print and digital (74 per cent) is the most trusted source for local news and information, ahead of local commercial TV and local commercial radio (both 73 per cent), search engines (43 per cent), social media (22 per cent) and other websites (19 per cent). (YouGov 2018 commissioned by Local Media Works).

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Left to right: Sean Molino; Wesley Skene; Polly James and Gary Locket.

Local fitness award winners are honoured

Porthcawl Health & Fitness were winners on the night and from the club are (left to right): Vicky Evans, Banfield, Victoria Jones, Steven Powell, Gareth Charnock, Courtney Sims, and Heather Barnett.



ON June 20, the South Wales Fitness Awards were held at the Bear Hotel Cowbridge, hosted by Capital FM's Polly James.

The awards have been developed and launched by WS Marketing and Forces Fitness and are in association with Cardiff Now Magazine, Print INC, Absolute Performance, MuscLean Meats, and ISA Training.

The number and standard of applications for the

awards was outstanding. The winners for 2018's South Wales Fitness Awards are:

Personal Trainer of the year – Ray Morgan.
Fitness Club of the Year – Porthcawl Health & Fitness.

Fitness Entrepreneur of the year – Turn'd Up Fitness.

Trainee/Member of the Year – Sarah Cadogan.
Group Fitness Club/Class of the Year – Evolve Fit.

Fitness Event of the Year – INVCNBL.
The Community Award – Can Do Hub.

Trainee/Member of the Year – One 2 One Fitness.
Contribution to South Wales Fitness & Society (honorary award) – Gary Locket.

South Wales Fitness Awards Champion 2018 – Porthcawl Health & Fitness.

The co-founder of the South Wales Fitness Awards Wesley Skene said: "In Wales we have some of the most dedicated fitness enthusiasts. We also have a vibrant and growing fitness economy."

His fellow co-founder, Sean Molino, said: "I'm proud to say that the evening was spent with the best the fitness industry has to offer, and that they are truly inspirational and a credit to Wales."

The evening was also an opportunity to raise funds for The Welsh Guards Charity. The Welsh Guards Charity supports and cares for past Guards upon their retirement from HM Armed Forces.

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'Don't tombstone – you're risking your life'

PENARTH and Barry Coastguard have issued strong warnings to people not to 'tombstone' in the extremely hot weather as it can lead to serious accidents.

'Tombstoning' is jumping over rocks, cliffs or walls into the water and people are often tempted to do it when they want to cool off.

In recent years there have been campaigns to warn people that they could suffer serious

injury and even death.

On Monday evening, Penarth Coastguard attending an incident at Mount Stuart Graving Docks where 35 youngsters were jumping into the water. They were throwing life rings into the water for their friends to use.

A Penarth Coastguard spokesman said: "Strong safety advice was given to both sets of youths and the life rings placed back in proper holders."

"Swimming or jumping into this area is extremely dangerous and can cause loss of life or serious injury."

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Angela Lee

Vale campaigners join London anti-Brexit march



'Together stronger' – echoes of the Welsh football team's Euro 2016 campaign in the choice of flag.



Left to right: Anna McMorrin (MP for Cardiff North), local business owner Sally Stephenson and her son Ben Stephenson at the march in London.

GEM readers may remember that an article in last week's newspaper announced the formation of a 'grassroots pro-EU campaign group' called 'Vale of Glamorgan for Europe'.

The writer of the article said that members of the group would be attending the 'People's Vote March' in London, on June 23. The GEM can confirm that a coach-load of members travelled to London.

Cowbridge shopowner Sally Stephenson said: "The organisers invited me to represent both the Vale and small business generally and lead the march from right at the front."

"I was interviewed by LBC, and we flew the Welsh flags high. Every photo taken of Parliament Square features our Welsh flag right at the front."

Fellow Cowbridge resident Jenny Shepherd said: "We joined many hundreds from all over Wales to form the Welsh contingent."

"According to some reports, 100,000 people from all walks of life and from all corners of the United Kingdom attended the march which called for a public vote on the final Brexit deal the Westminster

government negotiates with the European Union.

"We were pleased to be joined on the march by Cardiff MPs Stephen Doughty and Anna McMorrin, who, along with many other members of parliament, support a 'People's Vote'."

She continued: "We marched along Pall Mall, through Trafalgar Square and down to Parliament Square, passing Downing Street along the way."

She said it was her opinion that whichever way anyone voted in the Referendum two years ago, there is 'dissatisfaction' – both on the Remain and on the Leave sides – with the way the government in Westminster is handling the negotiations with Europe.

In the EU Referendum of June 23, 2016, Wales voted 53-47 per cent to leave the EU. In the Vale 50.7 per cent of voters chose to Remain, while 49.3 opted to leave. In Bridgend, 54.6 per cent voted Leave, while 45.5 per cent voted Remain.

'Brexit means Brexit' READER

WHEN former Prime Minister David Cameron announced his decision to hold a referendum on the UK's continuing membership of the EU, he claimed that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the British people to decide whether the UK should remain part of the EU.

It was he said a 'no ifs and buts' referendum but a simple case of yes or no. The majority vote would decide and that the decision would be implemented by Parliament. Under no circumstances he said would there be a second vote.

The Government booklet circulated to every home two months before the vote made it clear that leaving the EU meant leaving the single market. It also pointed out that leaving creates 'uncertainty and risk'.

Project Fear, spearheaded by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, supported by the Governor of the Bank of England and other self claimed financial experts went as far as to predict the end of the world as we knew it within 24 hours if the vote was to leave the EU. All types of claims and counterclaims followed, by those in favour of leaving and those in favour of remaining.

The majority of those who voted in the referendum were in favour of leaving and after a short time David Cameron, to his eternal shame, resigned as Prime Minister leaving the Government needing a new leader which delayed the process of

progressing with the EU withdrawal.

Soon it became apparent why David Cameron had resigned: he had failed in his duty as Prime Minister of planning for a 'no' vote, his misreading of the public view on the EU resulted in him betraying 17.4 million voters.

This lack of plan allowed the 'remainers' an opportunity to start the process of derailing the referendum decision. They started by belittling those who voted to leave by implying that they lacked the mental capacity to understand the issues involved, despite the government leaflet clearly stating those issues and by branding those voters as 'racist'.

Court actions followed, funded by remain supporters in attempts to delay/frustrate the process. Now, of course, we see the attempts by Parliament to micro manage the exit negotiations. Bearing in mind that for decades, Prime Ministers, with the notable exception of Margaret Thatcher, have signed away to Europe many responsibilities that should have remained within the UK with no reference to the electorate and with scant regard to Parliament.

This attempt by those elected members of the House of Commons and the unelected members of the House of Lords is nothing short of laughable. Is it any wonder that they are held in such low regard by the people they have been elected to represent?

The negotiations to leave the EU were always going to be difficult. Why would the EU co-operate with us when by us leaving, the EU loses our large financial net contribution and a member state that has willingly

accepted and implemented EU laws, rules and regulations, many of which have been to our detriment, with such enthusiasm?

Also, it must be remembered that EU bully boy tactics have frightened other EU members who have 'over stepped the mark' and they have jumped back into line!

From day one, the EU have refused all our attempts to reach an amicable parting arrangement and the EU risks the UK walking away from the negotiating table and leaving them with the mess they have created for themselves.

We mock the 'fake' democracies that exist around the world, where the electorate is used simply to endorse the wishes of their leaders and when the electorate fails to do so are ignored and often those who have expressed dissent find themselves under arrest.

Governments either govern with the will of the people, or chaos exists. Those who are currently engaged in attempting to derail the wishes of the electorate as clearly expressed in the 2016 EU referendum are engaged in very dangerous actions which will if successful derail the democracy of which we are so rightly proud.

If they are successful, what next?

Will they revisit the Welsh devolution decision when a wafer thin majority on one of the lowest turn outs in an election for many years resulted in the formation of a government for Wales?

If the situation that we face with this constitutional crisis was not so serious it would be considered farcical.

Gareth Jones, Colwinston.



ALUN Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan and The Secretary of State for Wales popped in to have a look at the Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers' 'Have a Go day' which was held on June 16 in the Old Hall in Cowbridge.

He only popped in but ended up staying an hour! The Have a Go day

was run as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations by the Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers. The '40' exhibition is on until June 29 with free entry.

The Guild is always looking for new members, as we need to keep these skills alive. The exhibition is intended to illustrate the importance of preserving our ancient making traditions.

Angela Lee

Barry keeps Fairtrade seal of approval



BARRY Town's status as a Fairtrade town has been renewed for another two years, after the Fairtrade Foundation confirmed that Barry Town Council had met all five criteria for 'commitment to Fairtrade principles'.

The council has published an action plan which includes increasing the number of local businesses who promote Fairtrade products, engaging more with local community organisations and with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

Fairtrade status is agreed by the Fairtrade Foundation, an organisation which licences more than 5,000 products.

The chair of Barry Town Council Fairtrade Advisory Committee, Cllr Ian Johnson, said:

"Wales is now celebrating its 10th anniversary of becoming a 'Fairtrade country' and I am very pleased that Barry's status has been renewed, thanks to sponsors, Barry Town Council, who are

providing administrative support.

"In Barry, we are very proactive in promoting Fairtrade. Events in recent years have included promoting Fairtrade at the Scout Fete, the Christmas Lights launch at High Street, Barry Town United football matches with Fairtrade footballs, and an exhibition on Fairtrade Gold.

Our campaigning work was recognised with an award from Hub Cymru Africa at their 2018 awards.

"However, there is a great deal of work to be done in our town to raise the profile of Fairtrade products so that Barry residents are aware of the range of goods available and where they can be bought."

The next meeting of Barry Town Council's Fairtrade Advisory Committee is at 6pm on Monday, July 16 at the Town Council offices next to the Memorial Hall on Gladstone Road. Any member of the public is welcome to attend.

For more information on Fairtrade in Barry, contact Barry Town Council Community Development Officer, Robyn Walsh, on 01446 704925.

Porthcawl writer's Book of the Year 'three-peat' triumph

PORTHCAWL poet and writer Robert Minninnick has won the prestigious Wales Book of the Year award for the third time.

This time, it was for his book, published earlier this year, entitled *Diary of the Last Man* which focuses on the coastline around Porthcawl – from the River Kenfig to the River Ogmore.

Diary of the Last Man took two prizes on the night. First, he won the Roland Mathias Award



Robert Minninnick

for poetry, and he then returned to the stage for the 2018 Wales Book of the Year Award – which comes with a prize of £4,000 and a specially commissioned trophy, designed and created by the artist Angharad Pearce Jones.

The prize is run by Literature Wales, the National Company for the development of literature in Wales, and was presented by the chair of the Arts Council of Wales Phil George, at a presentation evening at The Tramshed, Cardiff.

The book, *Diary of the Last Man*, was accompanied by a 30-minute film, by Eamon Bourke, which has now been shown a number of times in Porthcawl, at the Hay Festival and many other venues.

Litter strewn in Barry



Image by Jayne Davies.

THE scourge of litter never seems far away from local beauty spots.

Jayne Davies captured this image on Monday, June 25 of an abandoned picnic in Porthkerry Park.

She posted the image on the council.

Atal y Fro meets Police Crime Commissioner



ATAL y Fro charity is welcomed Alun Michael, the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner and Vale AM Jane Hutt for a briefing on the pioneering work the

staff team and hear the work being carried out to provide vital support services and refuge, as well as preventative work in the community in partnership with local agencies.

Ms Hutt said: "As Patron of Atal y Fro, I welcomed the visit by the Police and Crime

Dinas councillors defeated in bid for new route

DINAS Powys councillors say they are 'frustrated' that no alternative route to Murch Road and Crescent has been found for construction vehicles that will be heading for the former St Cyres site where 215 houses are due to be built.

Months of negotiations and site meetings to find another route have drawn a blank.

Dinas councillor Andy Robertson said: "Two weeks ago we won an important battle, but it turned out to be a pyrrhic victory.

"The Vale planning committee voted unanimously to refer the matter of the construction traffic management plan back to officers on the understanding that our four local councillors would have to affirm any solution.

"We really thought the village had been thrown a lifeline. We worked around the clock to find an alternative access that would not have cost the developers a penny.

"But they seemed determined to use what most people consider not just a difficult but potentially dangerous route down Murch Crescent and over the railway bridge past the infant school.

"We had various meetings with land-owners only to discover they'd

been told all sorts of things to put them off agreeing to a deal to cross their land.

"Health and safety was given as one reason when the developer has been using the same route with their St Joseph's School, Penarth housing project for months. In the end we've had to concede."

He pointed out the original planning was granted by the previous administration with different local representation.

"If we'd refused to grant the final planning the developer would have been able to appeal to the Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate and almost certainly had it over-turned. "That could have cost council taxpayers over £100,000 in legal fees."

Cllr Robertson said the whole incident had left a 'very bad taste' with all his colleagues and they would scrutinise movement on the route at every move.

"The traffic plan makes clear no construction vehicle can use the route from 30 minutes before and after the two schools on the route start and finish daily. We shall be watching to make sure this rule is adhered to the minute."

The GEM approached the developers for a response but had not received one at the time of going to press.

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CAREMARK HOSTS CUPCAKE DAY



CAREMARK The Business Cardiff and The Centre on Cardiff Road.

The event was a success with carers, service users and other local businesses all attending the event where they raised £203.50.

Sharan Dhaliwal, managing director at Caremark Cardiff & The Vale said: "We want to say thank you to everyone who came and supported us on our bake sale."

"A special thank you to Zinia Johns, Eva Thomas, and Victoria

Witts for mixing, whipping, beating, baking, icing and for dedicating their time and energy.

"Alzheimer's and dementia are devastating conditions and we hope our fundraising efforts will help those affected by it the most."

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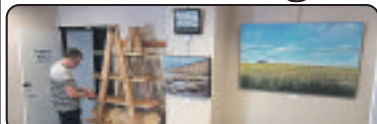
Helicopter search

THE police helicopter was deployed on Wednesday morning, June 27, to help in the search for a person wanted in connection with a number of offences in the Barry area.

Jamie Brown, aged 31, of Barry, is wanted in connection with a number of offences including criminal damage and the theft of a motor vehicle.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of him then they should call the police on 101 quoting reference number 18001-00659. Alternatively, people can call Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Artists' brief stay in Cowbridge



LOCAL artists David Jones and Ian Howells have taken the Old Hall pop up shop in Cowbridge to stage an exhibition of their work until Sunday, July 1.

They are displaying recent examples of their work to stimulate interest and hopefully gain commissions. David produces hand crafted wooden furniture and Ian specialises in paint effects, murals and large scale artworks.

Both grew up in Cowbridge and still live locally.

Tidal lagoon vote for Alun Cairns

AS The GEM was going to press, Vale MP Alun Cairns, who is Secretary of State for Wales, was facing a vote of 'no confidence' in the Welsh Assembly.

It follows a decision by the UK Government not to back the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon project.

Mr Cairns is an MP and can't be forced to resign by an Assembly vote – but his opponents see the vote as symbolic and want to highlight what they believe is Westminster's indifference to projects in Wales.

More on this story in next week's GEM.

Barrivale Community Aid

AS one of Barry's oldest community clubs we have some places available for new members.

We originally met at Rondell House, but had to move to Gwenog Court some time ago.

We would be grateful if you could mention in your paper that there are places available for new

members.

We meet every Thursday evening and have entertainment from local artists. We also have transport which can be used from our members' homes (at a small cost).

Jane Hutt has been a long time supporter of our club.

PR Walker

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GLAMORGAN GEM SPORTS NEWS EXTRA



Nippers enjoy carnival at the beach!



HAVING endured a blustery and damp start to the Lifesaving Carnival season at Caswell Bay, Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club Nippers were looking forward to hosting their own Carnival at Barry Island.

All the prayers for good weather were answered and it turned out to be a scorcher with still sea conditions.

With growing numbers at training Llantwit managed a team of over 40 Nippers across the six age groups. As it was their home Carnival it meant an even earlier start for all involved to prepare the various arenas to make the day run smoothly.

There was a great turnout by 13 clubs from across Wales with 100's of kids ranging from seven to 13 years old, siblings, parents and supporters.

The youngest age group kicked off the day at 9am with the Nippers least favourite event, the Long Run! Competition was fierce and Llantwit's team were placing well, scoring much needed points as well as a few medals too.

Next up was the beach sprints followed by the sprint relays with more points and medals rolling in, the boys sprint relay team had a great race and were just pipped at the post gaining a bronze medal.

The final beach event was the Beach Flags which all Nippers look forward to. This can sometimes be a lottery as it involves the Nippers

lying face down in the sand, getting to their feet on the whistle then racing 20 metres to try and grab a flag which decreases in number.

It was again obvious that the Llantwit team were scoring well and at times knocking their own teammates out of races. The boys' under-11 final saw two of the Llantwit team (Elian Davies and Rees Harris) go head-to-head, but this was done with great sportsmanship shown by both.

While the Nippers took a well deserved lunch break and got themselves ready for the sea events the Sandhoppers (future Nippers aged five to seven years old) took to the flag arena for their turn at racing.

It was then back to business with the competitors taking part in the Swim and Board races. Again Llantwit had strong finishes, piling in the points for the club and even more medals.

With weary parents and the sun still beating down, the points were totted up. The clubs congregated to hear the results which saw the Llantwit team achieve an amazing third place behind Rest Bay, who were close behind overall winners Sker.

Well done to all competitors who turned up, the kids were amazing. Many thanks to all the Llantwit Nippers who made it our most successful Carnival to date and a great start to the season.

An even bigger thanks to all the coaches, helpers and parents who helped to make the day a success.

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1840 Cup success for Cowbridge

THE 1840 Cup was won by Cowbridge at Newbridge Fields in Bridgend by a margin of eight wickets.

The highlight of the day was a magnificent unbeaten 100 by Matthew Harper, who spurred his team to regain the trophy.

This was not a full-blooded league fixture, more a celebration of the links between the two clubs that goes back 178 years.

The first fixture was played on a field close to The Golden Mile on September 10, 1840 and Cowbridge were the victors by 61 runs. There is no record of the weather then, but on Sunday it was glorious for cricket.

Over the years there has often been some needle in the fixtures. In 1866 there was a rumpus when Cowbridge needed 61 and were 39-3 and at 6.45 pm the Bridgend team left the field claiming that was stumps.

If this was not enough, the Bridgend XI claimed victory on the basis of a

first innings lead!

Happily, later in the summer cordial relations were restored after a match on the side of the Aberthin road - the visitors won the game and the teams retired to the Horse and Groom for a fine dinner and singing.

There was regrettably no singing in this latest encounter but the match had followed in the best traditions.

Battling first, Bridgend scored 189-6 with Rhys Clayton scoring 91 not out. However the target seemed to be paltry as Matt Harper hit 16 fours in reaching his ton, well backed up by the skipper, Chris Willey, who made 77. Matt just kept the attack going until victory was assured.

With the Cowbridge batting so strong this year it was good to see Matt take his chance when it was presented. It was especially good, though, to bring the silverware back to Cowbridge.

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A chance for stroke survivors to play golf

WHETHER a stroke survivor is new to golf or has stopped playing because of the disabilities stroke can cause, a new scheme is about to be launched across Wales offering the chance to get putting.

Twelve 'New to Golf' sessions will tee-off at the Vale Resort on July 6. Further sessions will take place at Bryn Meadows in Caerphilly from July 17 and the Pyle and Kenfig Golf Course, Porthcawl, from August 8.

The scheme, a partnership between Wales Golf and the Stroke Association and match funded by Sports Foundation for the Disabled, will offer 12 taster sessions to stroke survivors and their carers, followed by a chance to socialise at the clubhouse.

Stroke survivor Peter Smith had never played golf before taking part in the pilot session at the Parc Golf Club in Newport last year.

He said: "We all became good friends and now I play every

Monday. I can play with both hands, although I do have weakness down one side. I can't hit it as far as my two sons and I find 18 holes too tiring, but I can do nine and really enjoy it. I often play by myself, just to enjoy being outside."

The scheme helped keen golfer Peggy Cumbers get back onto the course after her stroke. The stroke survivor from Pontypool, who volunteered at the 191 Ryder Cup in Newport, said: "I do get very tired now, and I was worried I couldn't go back to playing after my stroke. But it's been great to get onto the range and putting green. It's also good to spend time with all the others and have a coffee afterwards - it's a

very social thing."

Theo Baker, the Community Golf Coordinator for Wales Golf, said: "This is a great chance for stroke survivors of any golfing ability to get out and get active. Our pilot scheme was a great success. We had a good mix of men and women and we found that it had a great benefit on their health."

"Our coaches have been trained on inclusion and know how to adapt training to people of different needs."

For more information or to book a place, call the Stroke Association on 02920 524400 or email info.cymru@stroke.org.uk.

Cowbridge under-9s are in action

ON Sunday, June 17, Cowbridge under-9s hosted the next round of cricket festivals.

Unfortunately the day was rather damp. The enthusiasm of the three teams that turned up (Cardiff having pulled out), was commendable and the games went on.

We had two debutants in Charlie Earnshaw and Kieran Boon who both played their first competitive cricket match.

Kieran scored eight runs in the total of 246 against Penarth. He also bowled well for the team, restricting Penarth to 231 and a win by 15 runs.

In the second match Charlie played his part in the winning game against Miskin with Ed Johnson outstanding with the bat, 21 runs in a total of 269; Miskin reached 250.

On Sunday, June 24,

the squad of 12 played at the delightful ground of Miskin where again the three teams met, with St. Fagans having withdrawn.

The results were the same with Cowbridge defeating Penarth by 39 runs and Miskin by 47 runs.

Two players were given to the opposition to make the games 10-a-side. Well done to all that played, showing much improvement in all departments.

Congratulations to three members of the squad who played in the victorious Welsh Schools soft cricket ball finals held at Aberystwyth.

Alex Anderson, Cyffin Tudno Flay and Trystan Lucas are pupils at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg - our congratulations go to the school and individual players.

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Tide turns for Sully bowlers

LAST Wednesday, Sully bowlers travelled to Dinas Powys, past national champions and the side who, a few weeks earlier on two rinks, had an easy win, so nothing was expected.

How wrong this proved, with a side half of which were automatic selections because they didn't play on the Saturday this was a great result.

At six ends the home side were 23-19 up but Sully started to find the pace of the green and by 12 ends Sully had gone in front 37-45.

Dennis Edwards' rink carried the night, taking eight shots in the last few ends and, along with Fred

Phillips, were the two rinks up in a narrow 62-66 away win.

Scores: Ben Curtis, Albert Kelly, Alun Rees and Dennis Edwards 20-9; Stewart Phillips, Paul Neale, Doug Hotchkiss and Fred Phillips 21-17; Kevin Mahoney, Richard Fitzjohn, Alen Thomas Dave Curtis 12-17; Eddie Pryer, Brian Dascombe Huw Thomas, Hugh Levick Jones 13-19.

Come Saturday the tide turned and in a must-win game at home, Sully forgot to bowl in a difficult breeze and lost to table-topping Taffs Well.

All the way this was a tight game and at 15 ends it was only 47-49.

It might have been too much

sun or just fatigue in the heat but Sully fell off a cliff, winning a few ends but dropping lots of shots on others.

There was only one rink up - and they dropped five shots in the last four ends.

Scores: G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 21-13; B Curtis, J Hubbard, T Murphy and D Edwards dropped six in the last four ends, 9-17; A Rees, H Levick, Jones, D Hotchkiss and F Phillips dropped 10 in four ends, 12-26; A Smith, D Curtin, M Hardy and B Griffiths dropped 12 in last six ends, 22-24; final score 64-80.

This week the Villagers are away on Saturday to Fair Oak at Roath Park.

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21st birthday celebrations in full swing for Y Bont



The sun shone on Y Bont party.



The finer points of (temporary) dinosaur tattoos are discussed by one young lad and Vale MP Alun Cairns.

ON June 24, as part of its 21st year celebrations, local charity Y Bont hosted a fun day at Amelia Trust Farm, Barry.

Thanks to a grant from the BIG Lottery 'Awards for All' the event was a great success, enjoyed by past and present 'Y Bontees'.

Y Bont would like to thank all of the families and children who attended their 21st celebration day. Past and present families were able to get together, to swap stories and celebrate their children's achievements. Thanks to the grant all were able to enjoy the free entertainment including, face painting, circus acts, bouncy castles, crafts and live music. The music was provided by Gracie Richards, a supporter of Y Bont and Garin Lang, a past attendee of Y Bont.

Garin attended Y Bont as a child. Now aged 18, he is studying at Heronsbridge School. Garin sang and played his guitar unaccompanied for two hours, entertaining the crowds with his fantastic voice.

Y Bont staffer Paula Daniel said: "It was an absolute joy to see the children who have now



Former Y Bont attendee, and now a pupil at Hersonbridge, Garin Lang entertained all those present.

grown into young adults and who are doing so well for themselves.

"It was lovely to catch up with Cellan Hall and his family; Cellan (who attended Y Bont as a child) has gone on to represent Wales in table tennis and is studying astrophysics at Cardiff University."

A spokesperson said: "The event was especially nice for other staff who have worked at Y Bont for many years and supported the children and their families. Many of the children now attend different schools and colleges, and it was so wonderful to see and hear all their individual

achievements, they are truly an inspiration."

Y Bont would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the entertainment and activities at our event. These include: Mini Mayhem, Jo Gym Jams, Zumbini, Martha from Circus Eruption, Eli Trust, South Wales Photo Booths, Alana from Mini Miss Makeover, and Joanne our wonderful face painter.

A final special thank you goes to the Y Bont staff and volunteers, and the team from White Stuff, Bridgend, who all gave up their Sunday to help make this day a huge success.

A COACHLOAD of parishioners enjoyed a day out in Gloucester last Saturday, with almost too many highlights to mention.

Boat trips on the The Gloucester & Sharpness Canal, walks around the revamped and gentrified Gloucester Docks, visits to the Beatrix Potter Museum – sited in the shop in College Court where the eponymous Tailor of Gloucester cried "No more twist!" – and time in the cathedral were huge draws.

Inside the cathedral and grounds – formally the Cathedral Church of St Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity – noted for its architecture, tomb of Edward the Second of England, the memorial to the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Yeomanry, and being a location for scenes from a popular film series about a boy wizard, another form of 'worship' was taking place: football.

The pews were cleared and youth teams battled it out in friendly

competition on an AstroTurf pitch which drew scores of World Cup-frenzied fans.

Evensong, which featured the Cathedral School Choir and a visiting choir from Dublin, was well attended, and the day-trippers from St Iltyd's were heartened to receive a mention in the Cantor's prayer wishes.

All in all, a grand day out in an often overlooked cathedral city.

AJ

Gym members hand Velindre £15,000 cheque



Louise hands over the cheque to Jonathan Davies.

LOUISE MITCHELL from Llantwit Major, along with friends from Force Strength and Conditioning Gym in Llandow, completed a Welsh 'four peaks' charity challenge on Saturday, June 9.

The funds raised went to Velindre Cancer Centre.

Louise said: "Not only did we do the 'four peaks', we also raised money through extra donations, corporate sponsorship, a track-day event at my family business Llandow Circuit and a 'Spirit BST' session at Force gym. We were absolutely delighted with the final amount."

Velindre told Louise a special person would be on hand to receive the cheque which was for an outstanding £15,909.16 – and so it proved, with former Wales star Jonathan Davies on hand to thank everyone who had taken part.

TC

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If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

A grand Gloster day out for St Iltyd's



Just a few of the day-trippers after Evensong.

'Vale must stop land-grab or merger' says councillor

A BARRY councillor has said local residents should be alarmed after the Leader of Cardiff Council said there was a case for the city to expand its borders into the Vale for future development.

At a full Cardiff Council meeting on June 21, Cllr Huw Thomas said that even if a Vale-Cardiff council merger did not go ahead there was a case for expanding Cardiff.

Cllr Thomas told Cardiff councillors: "When I look at our development plan under a future development plan and when I look at the rate Cardiff is growing, there comes a point where there is no further land for Cardiff authority to expand into."

"In that regard, I think there is a case, perhaps not for a full merger with the Vale, but for expanding the borders of Cardiff."

Earlier in the meeting Cllr Thomas had explained why he thought a merger would work.

"I am very open to merging. I think the old South Glamorgan footprint is a good footprint for a local authority and I think there is a significant area of cooperation that can be achieved."

Barry councillor Vincent Bailey said any suggestion of a merger or that Cardiff's border should move into the Vale would harden residents' opposition.

He wants local residents to be consulted at the ballot before any merger can take place.

He said: "These comments are a wake-up call for us all, and we simply cannot allow Cardiff Council to turn the Vale into a building site. Even if they don't force the Vale to merge with Cardiff, it's clear

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that they plan a land grab on the authority's green spaces, presumably to build thousands of new homes.

"Either plan would place our precious green belt under threat, with nowhere safe from the threat of new housing."

"We've already been forced by the Welsh Government to build thousands of new homes over the next few years, but that figure would spiral if we had to take on Cardiff's share as well."

"It's my view that there should be no merger or land grab without the consent of local residents in a referendum, and by local residents, I mean Vale residents."

He added: "Whether you live in Barry, Llantwit, Cowbridge, or anywhere else in the Vale, you should be extremely concerned by these comments, and a referendum might be the only way to stop ourselves from sleepwalking under the capital's bulldozers."

Llantwit Major councillor Gwyn John dismissed comments by Cllr Thomas, saying that because the Cardiff councillor was a schoolboy in the days of South Glamorgan, he had little knowledge of how the Vale had

"suffered under the previous system".

"On South Glamorgan Council the Vale had a representation of 19 councillors compared with Cardiff's 62."

"Residents in the rural Vale were treated as second-class citizens with concrete jungles being built at Llantwit Major and Rhosce. "Cardiff dictated where the development went while they benefited from the rates."

"All the big spends went to Cardiff and we had no say. Our councillors battled hard with little success. It would be the same again; Cardiff wants the Vale under them because they will have the airport again and the budget under their control."

Cllr John said he believed that Cardiff City Council and the Welsh Government were working closely together on a Vale-Cardiff merger, but said if Cardiff wanted one so much it should look towards Caerphilly.

He added: "The Welsh Government have little knowledge of local government, after all, most of their members have never served at county or town level and know little of how we work."

PACT MEETINGS

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, July 5 at 2pm.

Brncoch & Sarn PACT at Sarn Lifelong Learning Centre on Monday, July 2 at 7pm.

Ynysawdre PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Tuesday, July 10 at 6.15pm.

Caerau PACT at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, July 2 at 6pm.

Pyle/Cefn Cribwr/Cornelly PACT at Pyle Life Centre on Thursday, July 19 at 6.30pm.

Blaengarw/Pontycymmer PACT at Pontycymmer Police Station on July 18 at 6pm.

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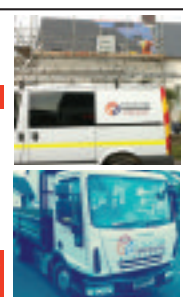
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DAVIES

Margaret (née Clemett)

Sadly, after a short illness, Margaret passed away on 20th June 2018 at Llandough Hospital, with her family at her side. Beloved wife of the late Bill, much loved mum to Keris and Sheridan and mother-in-law to Chris and Allan. Adored nan to Nick, Andrew, Gareth, Abbie, Tim, Ben, Beth, Zoe, Laura, Rhianon, Jess and Chris. A loving great nan to Evelyn, Teifi, Charlie, Elin and Seren.

A special lady loved by all who knew her.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until the service on Monday, 2nd July at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to SANDS (Stillborn and Neonatal Death Charity), in memory of our beautiful Lani.

ASHMAN

Valerie Alice

(Sherwood) née Stephenson

30.01.1932 – 17.06.2018

Formerly of Princes Street

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Family flowers only by request. Donations, if so desired, in Val's memory may be made to either Dementia UK or Cancer Research following the service.

DITCHBURN

Colin William

Colin died peacefully on 22nd June 2018 surrounded by his family at College Fields Nursing Home, after a brave battle with a long illness. He will be remembered as a devoted husband to Pam, beloved father to Anne and Julia and their husbands and an adored grandfather. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 17th July, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Barry. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Marie Curie.

PUNTER

Patricia Joan

Peacefully at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Pat, much loved wife of the late Ray. Loving mother of Gareth and David, mother-in-law of Nicky and Kaye. Adored grandmother to Gethin, Rhys and Thomas.

Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Tuesday, 3rd July at 1.45pm.

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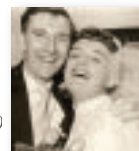
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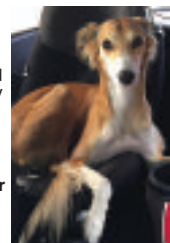
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Telling the story of the paddle steamer *Gwalia*

Local historian Brian Keitch takes a look back at the halcyon days when people travelled in style along the Bristol Channel.

IT'S a shame that the tradition of taking a trip on the water from Penarth, Barry and Porthcawl to Minehead, Lymouth, Ilfracombe and beyond seems a thing of the past now – apart from a brief visit of paddle steamer *Waverley* later in the summer.

When many years ago I – with others – created the Penarth and District Local History Society, a wonderful gent of over 80 years told me the story of the 'Cock of the channel'.

That ship was the Barry Railway Company's *Gwalia*. Another of the John Lewis collection of photos of a hundred-plus years ago captures an early morning sailing from Penarth Pier – on a spring tide – heading down channel to the likes of Barry, Minehead, or Clovelly and Lundy – even possibly Tenby. Plus five star cuisine (at affordable prices) and time ashore!

The paddle steamer *Gwalia* and her sister ship *Devonia* were built



The Gwalia leaves Penarth from the pier.

at John Brown's shipyard at Clydebank in 1905, along with famous transatlantic ships.

They were constructed for the Barry & Bristol Channel Steamship Company registered at Cardiff (read Barry Railway Company) in direct competition with P&A Campbell Ltd's White Funnel Fleet.

The Red Funnel Fleet consisted of paddle steamers *Gwalia*, *Devonia* and *Westonia*, complemented in 1907 by the *Barry*. The last mentioned ship was the subject of a fascinating article in The GEM a few months ago.

In this photograph, early in the morning and against the sun with a brisk breeze behind her – the *Gwalia* is off at full speed – about 20 knots plus the pull of the ebb tide.

No doubt the aficionados of the White Funnel Fleet would insist that their flagship *Britannia* or *Cambria* could match the speed of *Gwalia*. Apologies – I'm too young to remember.

After years of legal wrangling the Campbell brothers, Peter and Alex, forced the Barry Railway to adhere to their terms of trade, which meant that all trips of their steamers had to start and finish at Barry Pier; and despite the all tide pontoon and adjacent railway station, this was not sufficient to keep the Red Funnel Fleet in business.

The shareholders of the Barry Railway Company had enough of mounting losses and demanded the ships be sold.

Enter Peter and Alex Campbell. Their policy was to acquire any competitors' ships when they were available, thereby keeping control of the channel excursion business.

As a result, three of the Red Funnel paddles steamers became White Funnelers. Bar one – *Gwalia*. She was sold to the Furness Railway, based in Barrow in Furness and re-registered there under her new name *Lady Moyra*, after the daughter of one of the directors.

There she stayed until re-emerging after the First World War for WH Tucker & Co of Cardiff in direct competition with P&A Campbell of Bristol.

They added to their fleet the *Lady Evelyn* and, remarkable for the time, a twin screw vessel *Robina* in attempting to revive the all-year-round packet steamer between Cardiff and Bristol – previously the domain of famous paddle steamers *Velindre* (there's a pub in Bristol that still holds the name) and the *Marchioness*.

It didn't work and Tuckers put their ship up for sale and the Campbell brothers happily purchased it at a low price!

With Campbells also operating on the south coast of England with daily trips across to France it was decided in 1933 to re-name *Gwalia*, ex-*Lady Moyra* after a famous Campbell steamer lost in World War One – *Brighton Queen* and the *Lady Evelyn* was re-named as the *Brighton Belle* – of John

Betjeman's poetry fame. Alas, all the Red Funnel lines steamers, now wearing naval colours, were lost in the Second World War apart from *Westonia* which was re-named *Tintern*. *Brighton Queen* was bombed and sunk on June 1, 1940 though credited with saving 160 men in Operation Dynamo from Dunkirk.

Brighton Belle hit underground wreckage in the same operation and also sank, but with help of the famous *Medway Queen* – now under restoration – saved all on board plus the captain's dog!

To finish, the Cock of the Channel *Gwalia* at 245 feet in length and 29 feet on the beam was bigger than the mighty *Bristol Queen* – along with sister ship *Devonia* (bet the aficionados with pull me up on this!).

But there was one drawback – both ships were very fast, but also very heavy on fuel consumption (coal). *Devonia* had already been withdrawn before World War 2.

The 'golden era' of excursion trips had long gone. The fact that sea trips have still been part of our coastal tradition for so long is through a lot of enthusiasts and extraordinarily clever management. Short of some white knight it now is becoming a fond memory...

Many thanks to Becky and Martin from Penarth Library from their assistance.

Sky Notes for July

THE Milky Way is no longer right overhead as it now runs more or less from the northern horizon, right down towards the south-eastern horizon.

The binocular user will find seeking this marvellous sight well worth the effort. High up we find Hercules.

The constellation is quite large, but does not have a bright star like Cygnus or Lyra. However, it does have one glorious object that is worth hunting down.

To locate it first find the very bright blue star Vega in the constellation of Lyra, and Hercules will be to its right.

Look for four stars in a 'squares' shape, this bit represents its shoulders and waist. Put the binoculars on the bottom right-hand star and move the binoculars slowly towards the star directly above. Before you reach this star, you should find a small fuzzy blob.

This is a fine example of a globular cluster and is called M13. It contains several hundred thousand stars and lies about

20,000 light years away. The individual stars are packed so tightly together I doubt if any planet, moving around an individual star would ever truly have a dark night-time sky.

Closer to home, perhaps more meteorological than astronomical, July is a good time to seek out noctilucent clouds.

These are really the only type of cloud astronomers like to see. They are only visible during our summer nights. They will only be seen low down in the north western or north eastern sky, after the Sun has set. Around midnight is a good time to look.

They will appear, white or blue and can have a kind of herringbone appearance. They are around 80 kilometres high and we think they are formed when dust from meteors sticks to ice crystals, but little is known about them. In fact, before 1885 we have no records of any sightings.

Low down on the southern horizon you will see the bright naked-eye star Antares, in the

constellation of Scorpius. This red supergiant is about 100,000 times as luminous as our Sun. It lies about 500 light years away and has a temperature of around 3,500 degrees Kelvin. It is also known as the rival of Mars.

In the first few days of the month you can check this out because around midnight the Moon and Mars will rise close to each other, then on July 28 the Moon will be to the left of Mars. Compare colours of Mars and Antares.

But the month saves the best treat for the end! On July 27 at around 9.30pm the full Moon will rise but looking decidedly different.

The Moon will be totally eclipsed. It will be in the Earth's shadow and may take on the colour of orange or red. Totality ends about 11.20pm.

Do keep an eye on the Barry Astronomical Society website for details when we will be in Porthkerry Park to observe the night sky. www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com.

DAVE POWELL

IT success for CAVC students

CARDIFF and Vale College recently hosted WorldSkills UK heats in IT and students came away with six medals and two of the winners will be going to Birmingham for the WorldSkills UK finals in November.

CAVC was the only Welsh college to enter students in the Cyber Security contest. Mateusz Kolacki won gold, while Kyle Woodward came away with the silver medal.

Morgan Whitehead and Tomek Pawelek won gold and silver respectively in IT Technician. Melvin Saji won gold in Networking Systems Administrator while Fatoumata Makalo came away with the bronze medal in IT Software Solutions for Business. Both Mateusz

Kolacki and Kyle Woodward will go on to the WorldSkills UK finals in November following their success in the Cyber Security finals.

"The competition was well done – I liked the idea of the Capture The Flag where we had to hack into different systems and look for tokens," said Mateusz.

"I had less than a month for any preparation and had to go against an experienced competitor, but I'm glad I was able to be the first winner for CAVC and I'm looking forward to the UK finals."

Kyle added: "We had to do some intensive training to cover as much as possible in the little time we had. I was pleasantly surprised when I won silver in the competition and am looking forward to challenging myself further at the UK finals in November."

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Golf club supports Velindre

FORMER magistrates, Southerndown Golf Club president Derrick King and immediate past captain Paul Porter, teamed up to put on a charity golf day at the golf club this summer to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Since then they have arranged a charity luncheon to swell the funds, which were also boosted by support from all quarters of the club.

Derrick and Paul made a joint presentation to Dr Arif, Senior Oncologist at Velindre Hospital of a cheque for £18,000 at Southerndown Clubhouse.

Dr Arif said: "The money would be ring-fenced in connection with bowel cancer, the disease which appears to be more prevalent than ever, and in all age groups."

Head of fundraising at Velindre, Andrew Morris, and Kylie McKee, deputy head of fundraising, were also present, both of whom

expressed their wholehearted thanks for the club's tremendous efforts.

Derrick said "Paul and I set out to raise £5,000 for the charity but after the huge initial response, it quickly changed to £10,000, but money kept coming in.

"We eventually achieved this magnificent sum of £18,000 for Velindre Hospital, and for the consultants, doctors and staff who have been so kind to me over recent years."

Derrick and Paul went on to thank everyone at

Southerndown for their kind sponsorship and donations which had been quite remarkable in the relatively short time span.

They said: "It would be our wish, that as laudable as fundraising

for cancer was in our locality, perhaps more could be raised for local charities such as Velindre, so that money raised could directly benefit people in our community."

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Ladies take on the seniors!



RECENTLY, the ladies of Cottrell Park played their annual competition against the seniors.

The weather was dreadful, continual drizzly rain for the 18 holes, but they soldiered on against the elements but lost very badly to the men.

Lady captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell presented the seniors' captain, Bruce Rankin, with the shield, who accepted it very graciously - maybe the ladies will get their revenge next year!

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Karate students shine at championships



VALE Karate, now based at Barry Leisure Centre, has run a special needs class for more than 10 years, with many students with a range of challenges having enjoyed the benefits of karate training.

It is a decade since chief instructor Rob Copeland won the Sport Wales' coach of the year and coach to disabled sportspeople award.

However his work providing and promoting opportunities for young people with special needs has continued, and every Tuesday Vale Karate has a class for young people with special needs.

Bradley James and Lucas Widdrington both started their karate in this class, but now train regularly in Vale's mainstream classes and last week were members of the Karate Wales squad which entered the WUKF World Championships for all ages.

This took place at the Ice Arena in Dundee from June 14-17 when more than 2,300 athletes from almost 50 countries from around the World took part.

Bradley entered in the learning disabilities under-15 category and Lucas was in the same grouping for the over-15s.

On the day of the finals, the competition was suspended in order that the crowd of over 3,000 could enjoy the events and when the dust had settled, Lucas had earned a bronze medal and Bradley was announced as WUKF world champion!

Closer to homes, there are great opportunities within Wales, as the Karate Wales Open which takes place in Merthyr in July and the Welsh Karate League both have special and para-kata categories.

For information on the classes, call Rob on 07986 872953.

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Handbags at dusk for Brynhill ladies!

BRYNHILL Golf Club ladies' captain, Mrs Sam Pascoe, had her prize day on a beautiful sunny day on June 12.

The scoring was high, due to the balls running on excellent fairways.

The ladies' captain hosted the evening presentation of her prizes and supplied cheese and wine for the returning players. The anticipation of results, and the atmosphere in the club, was fantastic, as it always is.

Sam thanked all the ladies who entered her competition. She also thanked all Brynhill staff involved in her day; then the winners were announced.

Silver division winner of a beautiful handbag was Mrs Julie Harking with 39 points and bronze division winner, again with a beautiful handbag, was Mrs Jenny Pateman with 40 points.

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16 16 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI BlueMotion Tech R 5dr DSG (300bhp) VW warranty June 2019, 18" alloys, Bluetooth, privacy glass, lapis blue

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16 16 FORD FIESTA 1.0 EcoBoost Zetec S 3dr, Ford warranty May 2019, Bluetooth, 17" alloys, 20k, black

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DS7 Crossback leaves reviewer smitten!

THIS road test puts me in the driving seat of the DS7 Crossback. First off, the DS7 is a great looking car with some wonderful swooping lines that flank its sides.

Then there is the all-powerful front end that sticks right out to help draw your attention towards its stunning looks.

Then just when you think it's all over, you go and take a look at the back and it gets even better. Gone are the smooth lines most cars have at the rear, and hello to the chunky, formal and sharp details you only really ever see on the likes of Audi or BMW. Well, I have to admit, I'm smitten with the DS7 and I haven't even got behind the wheel yet.

Power and efficiency

THE DS7 I have on the test is powered by a turbocharged 1997cc, four-cylinder diesel engine that has 180HP on tap, which also happens to boast a very respectable top speed of 134mph, plus a 0-62 time of 9.9 seconds.

Fuel consumption is also very good with a combined figure of around 57.6 mpg.

A big sticking point for the DS7, though, is its 400Nm of torque which allows it to pull very well

from pretty much any gear thanks to a brilliant eight-speed automatic gearbox that does a proper job of changing up and down the gears at a decent rate with minimal fuss.

Then there are the brakes, which feel good and firm and will stop you as good as the best of the best. I don't think I'm going too far in saying this really is a 'mover' – a car that shoots along thanks to all that torque.

Plus, I was in France recently in the DS7 with my family, and it was fully kitted out with four cases and enough clothes to put Primark to shame, but the DS7 just took it all in its stride.

On the road

FIRST off, it has a great chassis, along with a suspension setup that you know has taken DS Automobiles many hours of testing to get it just right.

The steering is also direct and the grip levels are good, which means the DS7 feels tight and taught into the corners. The DS7 was also fitted with some serious 20" alloys, which you would assume would have a big effect on the road – but actually, it was the total opposite of anything I expected.

So just to be clear, it's controlled, poised, settled



and a real pleasure to drive. You can keep your 100k cruisers, the DS7 is just the ticket.

Interior and technology

THE interior is also of outstanding quality with features such as quilted seats and interior details that, frankly, look stunning.

Plus there are lots of chrome fittings and clear displays. Along with a decent amount of standard equipment such as hill start assist, DS active scan suspension, driver and front passenger lateral and curtain airbags, keyless entry and start, remote tailgate opening, bi-zone automatic air conditioning, lane departure warning, speed limit recognition

warning, active blind spot detection and DS pilot park.

Additionally, on the inside, you also get a good amount of top of the range kit to keep you happy, such as eight speakers, 12.3 inch digital instrument cluster, DS-Connect Nav, Bluetooth hands-free, Focal Electra hi-fi system, LED daytime running lights, DS active LED vision, DS 3D LED rear lights and as an optional extra, something called DS night vision pack, which is amazing and is able to identify pedestrians and animals over 50cm tall up to a distance of 100m. All of this helps improve visibility during night time driving.

In summary, I'm going to give the DS7 five stars in this test, not only because I like its looks, but because I believe it's a brilliant car with bags of extras and a great engine that's tied to a very good chassis and quite frankly a brilliant eight-speed automatic gearbox.

The DS7 is finally a car I can fall in love with on looks alone. It's great to see DS Automobiles doing some fantastic designing, and its really paying off in the looks department.

Price: From £39,380 (basic OTR RRP).

TONY YATES

Vale Seconds lose match and rue dropped catches

VALE CC seconds travelled to fourth-placed Ebbw Vale, looking to get the season back on track after their first defeat of the season the previous week.

Vale won the coin toss and skipper Matthew Thomas had no hesitation about batting first on a hard batsman-friendly track.

Unfortunately for Vale, the opening partnership was broken early on and wickets tumbled consistently throughout the innings.

Vice-captain Mark Francis top-scored with a well-made 42, with

skipper Thomas hitting 41, Mark Stephens making 32 and youngster Idris Merry, promoted up the order, scoring a very important 29, justifying his rise up the batting order.

Vale completed the innings and finished on 227 for 7. Notable performances by Ebbw Vale came from seamer Sandeep Yadav (2 for 56 with two catches) and James Brewer (2 for 23).

In reply, Ebbw Vale started well with captain Simon Keane scoring 58 before running himself out from a superb piece of fielding from Greg Andrews, directly hitting the stumps from a short fine leg position.

Keane looked

untroubled against the young Vale attack so the run out was certainly a bonus wicket.

Wickets fell regularly; however, the Ebbw Vale batsman were ahead of the rate for much of the innings with hard hitting from Stuart Lee (26) and Dylan Morgan (31).

Francis and Vale debutant Richie Humphreys came on to bowl and began to tie down the Ebbw Vale batsman in the last 10 overs. However, Ebbw Vale reached the target with two balls remaining in a very close match.

Debutant and Ebbw Vale all-rounder Sandeep Yadav had the game of his season, taking the hosts to the target with 59

not out, and earlier taking two wickets, taking the two catches of important Vale players Thomas and Francis.

Vale will need to improve their performances in the coming weeks and seek raise standards in the field if they are to continue their push for promotion.

This game, was there for the winning for Vale. However, overall poor ground fielding, overthrows and four dropped catches all contributed to the defeat.

Vale remain top of the league and host second-placed Monmouth this week in a very important fixture for both clubs.

MT

COWBRIDGE SECONDS BACK TO WINNING WAYS

SATURDAY was a glorious sunny day for cricket and Cowbridge seconds won the toss and elected to bat against Llandarcy.

Skipper David Gascoyne had some luck along the way, and led the innings with 81, but it was Jonny Napier, with 27 who once again gave the innings impetus with some ferocious hitting – one six travelled 70 yards and hit the sightscreen so hard that it took a chunk of wood out of it!

The middle order of Lewis Sevenoaks, with 17 runs, and

Umar Rafique, with 32, made valuable contributions; Cowbridge finished their 40 overs on 192 for 9.

Llandarcy, in reply, made a fine effort to reach the target. Lee Tanner, with 21 runs and Chris Harland, with a rapid 28, gave Cowbridge a scare, but fine bowling from Will Harris in particular, pegged them back.

Maybe it was the sight of his father, Ian, wearing an apron and serving the Happy Days-prepared tea that inspired him!

Will is only 14 years old and so is only allowed to bowl five overs at a time, but we look forward to the days when he is

allowed to bowl the full eight.

This week, his five overs included two maidens and two wickets, both clean bowled by beauties, for just 10 runs.

Llandarcy wickets fell at regular intervals thereafter, and they finished 153 all out from 33.2 overs.

This fine victory for Cowbridge moved the team away from relegation danger and everyone looks forward to a trip to play Porthcawl this Saturday afternoon – may the sun keep shining!

DG

Seaview Lads angling news

MAY and June have seen the fish return to our shores with rays, hounds and dogs in abundance.

It has been nice to see weights in the pounds rather than ounces and we look forward to this continuing.

On a Sunday competition fished on June 10, eight anglers shared a bumper catch of hounds and rays with Joe Gallivan taking first place with over 32lb of fish!

Mike Langford could only come second with over 24lb while Aida Harris' bag of 11lb and Kevin Sala (9lb 11oz)

took third and fourth.

Other notable days include an competition fished a few weeks earlier on May 27, when Joe again took the honours with a winning weight of almost 16lbs. Runners-up were Steve Williams, Aida Harris and Ollie Williams.

The boats have fished well with some excellent rays and hounds, along with some nice huss, and even ling and specimen rockling being landed.

Lots of events are planned for the coming months and it's nice to see the fish coming out at last to join the 40th anniversary celebrations!

JC

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

THE Vale's John Flint landed the Betfred Supports Jack Berry House Selling Hurdle at Uttoxeter on

Wednesday (June 20) with his six-year-old *Old Salt*, who, under T J O'Brien, beat *Trafalgar Rock* by one-and-a-quarter lengths.

Old Salt, a winner at Ffos Las 20 days earlier, was returned the 11-8 joint favourite.

EVAN'S DOUBLE L L A N C A R F A N ' S Evan Williams had a double at Ffos Las last Thursday evening.

Evan, the leading trainer at the meeting, won the opening novices' chase with *Dark Invader* and the handicap hurdle with *Marble Moon*.

The former, a 6-1 chance, got home by half-a-length from *One For Billy* and the latter scored by two lengths from *Beneagles* at odds of 11-2. Both were ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge.

Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen also had plenty to smile about as he also saddled two winners with

Lotus Pound and *Montanna* and both were ridden by his son Sean Bowen.

Two other Welsh trainers to come away with a winner were Chepstow's Grace Harris whose *Grams And Ounces* was successful at odds of 14-1 and Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn whose course and distance winner *Borak*, ridden by his grandson Rob Williams, took the closing handicap hurdle by three parts of a length from *Red Hot Chilly*.

Borak was available at odds of 6-1.

EVAN LANDS WORCESTER HIGHLIGHT

L L A N C A R F A N ' S Evan Williams landed the big race at Worcester last Sunday (June 24).

His bottom weighted *Voodoo Doll*, partnered by stable jockey Adam Wedge, won the £12,512 Bet ToteTrifecta At ToteSport.Com Handicap Hurdle over two and a half miles by a head from *Psychedelic Rock* who was ridden by T J O'Brien.

Voodoo Doll, a winner of its previous race, was returned at odds of 8-1.

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Porthcawl CC's firsts bag fourth straight victory

PORThCAWL CC's early season troubles have well and truly been laid to rest after they chased down a formidable Landore total of 217-8 to win by four wickets with just three balls to spare at Birchgrove.

It is the Seaside's fourth straight win and their fifth in six matches and rather than talk of relegation, the whispers at Locks Lane are starting to be about possible promotion.

Landore still top the table after only their second defeat of the campaign, but they must have felt at tea that 217 was a match winning position.

However, the in-form Porthcawl batsmen soon made their intentions known with a solid start as Nick Morgan and Mark Dixon continued their successful opening partnership. They took the score to 63 in the 23rd over before Dixon fell for 38, including eight rope-finders.

Rob Jones joined Morgan and the pair took Jack Tuck's side into a winning position with a brilliant partnership of 119 before Morgan was bowled for 59, including five boundaries.

Billy Frost was trapped lbw first ball, then Jones perished for a superb 86, with 10 boundaries, with his side on the cusp of victory.

In a tense final over, experienced pair Steve Richmond (9 no) and Mark Lewis (5 no) took the Seaside's to a thrilling, nerve-jangling victory with just three balls remaining.

For the table-toppers, Mark Ace took 2-17 and there was a wicket apiece for Jay Copp and Andrew Williams, while former Swansea City midfielder Andrew Mumford finished his 10 over stint with 0-36.

Earlier, the home side, after an early loss, made steady progress, Ahsan Mughal leading the way with 42.

Copp added 31 and 27 from Robert Tipton and a brutal 26 from Ace continued the steady progress with four other batsmen also reaching double figures.

For Porthcawl, Morgan's flighted

off spinners yielded 3-52 and paceman Tariq Ahmed took 2-29. Jones chipped in with 1-37 while skipper Tuck bowled a frugal 10 over spell conceding just 19 runs.

Landore 217-8, Porthcawl 218-4. HIGH-flying table toppers Llanwrda were too good for a weakened and inexperienced Porthcawl seconds side and romped to an emphatic nine wicket victory at Locks Lane.

The hosts, who came into the game after back-to-back successes, were always struggling against the side from the banks of the river Towy, who, having resigned from their league in Carmarthenshire, are on an impressive march through the South Wales Cricket Association League and are looking for a third successive promotion.

The visitors enjoyed two early captures but experienced Rob Warren and Stephen Jenkins set about a recovery until Jenkins was dismissed for 10.

Warren was the mainstay of the feeble Porthcawl total with a superb innings of 42 and, without his contribution, the Seaside's would have suffered more embarrassment.

No other player managed double figures and 79 in just 22.2 overs was never going to trouble the west Wales side.

For the visitors, Adrian Davies demolished the tail with a magnificent return of 4-6 from five overs and Nigel Clarke also prospered, his 6.2 overs yielding 3-14.

Clarke and Davies proved to be a thorn in Porthcawl's side with the bat as well the ball as the visitors romped to victory in just 13.2 overs.

Clarke made a rapid 25 from 20 balls, with two sixes and a brace of fours, his wicket falling to off spinner Josh Aubrey who finished with 1-29 from four overs. Davies was unbeaten on 39, with five boundaries and Tom Thurtle was 14 not out.

Porthcawl seconds 79 all out, Llanwrda 82-1.

JOHN EDWARDS

GARETH GAINS PROMOTION!



HUGE congratulations go to Gareth Powell on his recent promotion to 4th Dan (Master) in Tang Soo Do.

Master Powell has been training in Tang Soo Do since 1997 and teaches classes in both Pyle and Pen y Fai. His

dedication and enthusiasm to both his training and his students is outstanding and has been rewarded with this great achievement, which is well deserved.

Tang Soo Do is a traditional Korean Martial art, which has been taught in south Wales for over 40 years.

SP

Vale firsts are almost perfect after Ebbw Vale win

EBBW VALE visited a sunny Cornstown where they faced tough opposition in Vale CC.

The previous week the home side lost to top of the table Sully Centurions and they were determined to be the victors this weekend.

Captain JP Davies won the toss and elected to bat on what was not only a promising looking wicket but a fine pitch, which is testament to the hard work the in-house Vale ground staff put in every day.

The captain opened with the ever-present Snelson but they were to find the first part of the game uncomfortable as Ebbw Vale's opening pair Morris (23-1) and Hardis (7-1) made life difficult.

Hardis proved to be extremely hard work and claimed the Vale's captain as his one and only wicket with a good delivery seeing JP Davies edge behind.

Snelson followed soon after to Morris as he too was caught as a result of a mistimed shot.

Enter McCay and Hiles. The pair took the score from 8-2 to 64-2 as they battled with the scoreboard and opposition bowlers.

It would be fair to say that the Vale wicket then proved to be a little two-paced, which gave the bowlers some advantage, but both McCay and Hiles batted with great patience and looked to punish any loose or inaccurate bowling.

McCay played some powerful strokes as he demonstrated great skill and technique and Hiles proved his worth in the first team, having found some good form for the seconds.

Hiles (33) played well and looked to score in his areas and showed good composure as he found the Ebbw Vale fielders.

McCay (31) waited his chance before cracking the ball to the boundary. Both these players will feel that they were several runs short from having had an impressive innings but the runs came at a crucial time and helped to keep Vale in-touch as the overs went by.

Vale's number five Dean Oram (34) helped to increase the run rate and guided Vale to important batting bonus points with some assistance from various partners.

Darren Upham (17) helped to push the home

side towards a respectful total of 182-9. Upham senior was well supported by Matthew Williams who came off a flashy 16 at the end.

The pick of the Ebbw Vale bowlers was B Evans who took a five wicket haul as he finished with figures of 33-5.

The game was finely balanced but Vale CC definitely swung the momentum their way with a flurry of runs to add to their total.

As Ebbw Vale left the pitch, there was something about their body language that certainly suggested that Vale CC had the upper hand.

Opening bowlers Darren Upham (2-26) and Sean Rowlands (2-16) started well but opening bat Pepper (81) appeared far too comfortable early on, and it was he who was largely responsible for the Ebbw Vale scoring 27-1 from the first seven overs.

Tactics were altered and the bowlers were given strict instructions and they did not disappoint. D Upham and Rowlands bowled with increasing confidence on a day where swing escaped them for most of their spell due to the conditions.

With the danger player (Pepper) contained to mostly dot balls Vale set about taking wickets by

targeting other batsman. Ebbw Vale's captain B Evans scored a scratchy 24 as he looked to push his side towards the target but his wicket was the turning point of the match. Vale had been largely on top, but with the fifth wicket displayed on the new and impressive electric scoreboard, they were in the ascendance with it finally confirmed as they took all 10 wickets for 128, giving an almost perfect win (19 points from a possible 20).

In the field Vale were better; with the ball Vale were better; with the bat Vale were better; but they had to be and despite this, Vale can still improve their batting performance.

Credit must go to the two opening bowlers Rowlands and D Upham as well the Alex Upham who, like his father, dominated the batsman and forced them into silly premeditated shots.

Upham junior claimed an impressive four wickets with a fine display of leg spin bowling, going for only 21 runs from his seven overs.

This week, Vale go to Dinas Powys where a good game is always had. Last season's epic finally came down to the final ball and this time Vale will be looking to dominate as they continue their promotion campaign.

HW

Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, June 20: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, David Birt and John Beard; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

On Thursday, June 21: First, Stuart Davies and Barry Collins; second, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; third, Maggie Ashpole and Leila O'Hagan. The winners on handicap were Stuart Davies and Barry Collins.

On Friday, June 22: First, Colin and Hazel Heard; second, Norma and David Newman; third, Mari Jones and Irene Wickham. The winners on handicap were Colin and Hazel Heard.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday

and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

GJ

New league and new challenges for the Athletic

DUE to logistics, the WRU have moved Bridgend Athletic from Division 1 West Central to Division 1 East Central.

Having finished third in Division 1 West Central, this brings an exciting new challenge, meeting many new teams for the first time to attempt to fulfil the club's ambition to return to the Championship.

The league season kicks off on September 1 at home to Dinas Powys, and ends on March 30 against St Joseph's.

Pre-season training with the WRU under the current coaching set-up of John Apsee, Stuart Morris, David Williams and Gerald Williams starts on

Tuesday, July 3 at Newbridge Fields and subsequently on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anybody interested in joining this ambitious club can contact team manager Paul Hearn on 07970 348065.

Paul has arranged pre-season friendlies away to Kidwelly on August 11, at the Brewery Field on August 18 against Old Rednegians (Reading) and a mixed first and second XV game away at Llantwit Major on August 25.

The Athletic second XV are currently in negotiations to remain with the WRU Conference or join a new Ospreys League set-up, more details on which in due course.

AB

Triples encounter is anything but three-sy!

L L A N T W I T MAJOR Bowls Club lost by three shots in their home Rockwool Mixed Triples League match against Bridgend Bowls Club last Thursday evening.

Llantwit's best rink, Ian Williamson, Geoff Timms and John O'Brien, led from the start and ran out winners by 15 shots to 9.

Stuart Comer, Mike Jones and Mike Hughes also took an early lead but Bridgend fought back with the home rink, eventually securing a

16-15 victory. Mike Eveleigh, Ambrose Horgan and Mike Harmon enjoyed a close tussle with the lead changing a few times before Bridgend emerged as victors by 16 shots to 12.

Ken Williams, Dave Jones and Graham Snowdon started slowly and despite coming back eventually lost by 19-14. Overall match score: Llantwit Major 57, Bridgend 60.

It was an enjoyable midsummer solstice evening, rounded off by pasties and liquid refreshments served up by team captain Paul Brown.

PB

Enjoyable games for lady bowlers

TUESDAY saw the Llantwit Major Bowls Club ladies travelling to Cowbridge for a Cowbridge Shield game.

It was an enjoyable afternoon with old friends, although the green is always a challenge.

Liz, Pat, Dilys and Marilyn made a slow start with Cowbridge in the lead until the last end when Llantwit ladies managed a two to win 13-12.

Unfortunately, Kay, Jean, Eryl and Etta, although in the lead for most of the game, lost on the last end with Cowbridge scoring the one point needed to win 9-10.

It was a different story for Barbara, Jenny, Carol and Helen, who struggled from the start, losing 7-19. Well done Jenny and Jean, who enjoyed their first game at Cowbridge.

On Thursday, they travelled to Pengelli.

Barbara, Eryl, Helen and Carol went into the lead from the start and with steady play from everyone, won 14-13.5.

Joan, Margaret, Etta and Gill played well but Pengelli went into the lead from the start and kept it to the end winning 15-23. Liz, Pat, Marilyn and Dilys went into the lead on the third end and steadily increased it to win 17-9.

Well done ladies and thank you, Pengelli, for an enjoyable afternoon.

CW